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# Blair has vision of 'the giving age'

# im is to make ritain beacon for the world

By PHILIP WEBSTER, POLITICAL EDITOR

BLAIR yesterday on the people to muster alents and compassion preme national effort to Britain the best in the

the first conference i by a Exbour Prime for 19 years, Mr Blair 1 out his vision of a country in which

, where they never went ool hungry, where pens did not have to sk mp ave to survive or reil homes to receive care. also announced a cro: nment initiative to tackle he called the crisis in in ushering in what he

a new "giving age", the Minister warned the ile and his party that his

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ration, like the vice, the money be there but in return lemise the system. No no muddling through. nd best."

1 of the welfare state an workers providof their own money ves against misforlovernment's role organise rather id pensions, although help would go to the

Mr Blair resisted the temptation to bask in the glow of what was effectively a coronation after his landslide election victory, and emotional passages that would, according to his aides, have brought the conference to tears were abandoned

The response was warm rather than ecstatic, but he believed he was right to avoid triumphalism. However, in offering a new creed which he called "enlightened patriotism" Mr Blair was attempting to inspire. In an echo of Kennedy, he said: "Believe in us as much as we believe in you. Give as much to our country as I, all of us, intend to give. Give your all. Make this

the giving age."

His speech contained a series of announcements designed to prove that the Government was fast fulfilling its election pledges. Much, if not all, of the extra funding raised by asking some students to pay part of their university tuition fees would be "ring-fenced" and used to increase student numbers by 500,000 by 2002. There would be a £700 million boost for school fabric repairs, taking the total available during this Parliament to £2 billion. Com-

There would be up to ten specially funded "health action zones" to experiment with new ideas in the delivery of healthcare. And he promised to combat organised crime by giving courts extra powers to seize drug money.

Mr Blair avoided mentioning Diana, Princess of Wales, believing it to be inappropriate, but his speech was peppered with references to the new compassionate spirit abroad in Britain, and to a "quiet revolution" taking place. He sensed "confidence returning to the British



Tony Blair is joined by his wife, Cherie, as the conference applands his speech. Aides said emotional passages were cut to avoid the temptation of triumphalism

people, compassion to the British soul, unity to the British nation". His ambition was a compassionate society, but it was "compassion with a hard edge because a strong

The size of the majority imposed special responsibilputers would be installed in ities on Labour to be a Government of high ideas and schoool within five hard choices - "not popular for one time but remembered for all time. Not just a better Government than the Tories but one of the great radical reforming governments of our

> Every area of government policy would be scrutinised to see how it affected family life; a new ministerial group was being set up to look at ways of establishing the family. With nearly 100,000 teeenage pregnancies, children growing up without role models, more crime and more unhappiness this was a "modern crisis" that must be tackled.

He also lectured his party, telling it that it must go on changing in Government as it had in Opposition. "The moment we stop that is the government," he said. May was the beginning, not the end, and there must be no cockiness about the Tories conference, "They're not dead - just sleeping. Let their late

people can take away. We are the servants. They are the His overall aim was to make

looking". ents with its compassion it could become the best place to

Britain the model 21st-century nation. That meant "drawing deep into the richness of the British character, creative compassionate, ourward By combining Britain's tal-

a fulfilled life, the best place to

serve rather as a warning to

us. What the people give, the

live, the best place to bring up children, the best place to lead

That beacon looks brighter - shouldn't we be following that?"

grow old, "I believe in Britain," he said. "I believe in the British people. . . the chains of mediocrity have broken, the tired days are behind us. weare free to excel once more. We are free to become that beacon

# Overdose of redemption

HE HAS even renamed the country. "There is a place for all the people in New Britain!"

Old Britain is used to political texts which are socialist capitalist, traditionalist o even anarchist. But yesterday we heard a speech which can only be called salvationist. The Prime Minister wrapped himself not so much in the Union Jack as in the altar cloth of

national redemption. The audience here at Brighton were by turns bewitched and bemused by Mr Blair's weird, redemptive fervour Time and again his text would drift off toward a new Jerusalem. I had the impression of an addict wrestling with an abstract noun habit.

The Prime Minister would drag himself through the coldturkey of a passage on nursery vouchers. Welfare to Work

SKETCH

By Matthew Parris

and water prices, then, "I could sense confidence returning to the British people, compassion to the British soul, unity to the British nation ...

and off he went. Hauled back to the small matter of policy, Mr Blair explained plans for expanding literacy...but it was no good.

"I tell you, we need to bring a

"Uh-oh," I thought, "here

"We are a giving people," he cried, in language redolent of Diana, Princess of Wales. Make this a givi believe in us as much as we believe in you. Taking an expansive view of his role in history, the Prime Minister concluded that at the last election "fear itself was defeat-

ed. Did I not say it would be a bettle of hope against fear? On May 1, 1997, fear lest. Hope Continued on page 2 cal l

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t the end of her as escorted up South-Water by a flotilla of ats and naval frigates ated by bands and rs. She faces an uncerretirement, possibly as a ing hotel Page 3

# v -pool draw

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# Internment will go says Mowlam

By Nicholas Watt, Political Correspondent

Fein, Mo Mowlam, the Northern Ireland Secretary, announced yesterday that internment without trial would be removed from the statute book.

She said "radical" new antiterrorist legislation, which will be introduced next year. would no longer contain the power to intern suspected paramilitaries. "I am going to take that [internment] off the face of the Bill."

Her announcement to a fringe meeting at the Labour Party conference came as Tony Blair made an impassioned plea for an end to "ancient enmities" in North-ern Ireland and hailed the two ceasefires and the recent progress in the all-party talks. which have seen republicans and loyalists sitting down together for the first time since 1921. But he added: "There is a long, long way to go. Every

step is fragile." Labour sources tried to play down the significance of Dr Mowlam's announcement by pointing out that she had called for the removal of internment from the statute book while in Opposition. However, the move is one of the Government's most significant "confidence-building measures" to reward the IRA

Ken Maginnis, the Ulster Unionist MP, claimed that

IN a dramatic gesture to Sinn scrapping the law, which allows security forces to detain terrorist suspects indefinitely without trial, was another sop to the IRA and part of Labour's strategy to keep Sinn Fein at the negotiating table. The IRA have boasted that they have not gone away and Mo Mowlam will learn that

> Although internment has not been in force since 1975. Sinn Fein holds an annual rally in Belfast to mark the anniversary of its introduction where former internees give emotional accounts of their time "behind the wire" at the Maze Prison. The measure was used periodically to crack down on republicans by the Unionist-controlled Stormont Government after the parti-tion of Ireland in the 1920s.

The Army and the RUC have been rejuctant to call for internment because they say that it would have to be introduced simultaneously in the Irish Republic. They also say that it would inflame the nationalist community.

Dr Mowlam also announced yesterday that the number of "scheduled", or terrorist, offences would be reviewed. This would reduce the number of cases which go to the non-jury "Diplock" courts which are opposed by nationalists.

Wrecking strategy, page 2

### Fears of lovelorn **Princess**

DIANA. Princess of Wales, doubted that she would ever find a fulfilling relationship with any man. Andrew Morton says in a new chapter of Diana: Her True Story ~

In Her Own Words. Unwanted as a baby, unloved as wife, she simply desired a man she could rely on," he says. The depths of her un-

happiness and self-doubt were disclosed in more than six hours of tape recordings which the Princess made while alone at Kensington Palace. She is said to have spoken with breathless

In an extract from the book published in The Times today, Mr Morton also describes the Princess's warm relationship with Tony Blair, who recognised her potential skills as an ambassador. As debate continued

about the publication of the revised book, tests in France showed that Henri Paul, the driver of the car in which the Princess died, was a moderate alecholic who had been drinking heavily during the week before the accident.

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# Style signals new tax for rail staff

By ARTHUR LEATHLEY, TRANSPORT CORRESPONDENT

DAPPER railway staff sporting chic uniforms may fall prey to the taxman investigating whether their new outlits are in breach of taxation rules.

The Inland Revenue is to keep a close watch on the privatised rail industry as train companies issue corporate uniforms to thousands of station and office staff, drivers and conductors. Work clothes deemed suitable for off-duty wear will be classed as a benefit in kind and employees could be taxed on the value of the uniform.

The purge comes as it emerged that staff at Landa Air, the airline owned by the former motor racing champion Niki Lauda, have been taxed on designer jeans they wear for work. British staff working for the Austrian airline have been told that they must pay E8 a year tax on the spectors to be worth £40 and attractive enough to wear outside work. "The staff could not believe it," a Lauda Air

Most of the 25 train operating companies have introduced, or are ordering, a new range of uniforms. However, tax inspectors are concerned about a potential shift towards unbranded garments, in contrast to the old British Rail uniforms, in which ties, shirts and even socks were emblazoned with the familiar dou-

spokeswoman said.

ble-arrow logo. "It was easy in the old days, because no one would dare be seen off-duty in a British Rail uniform," said one rail industry figure.

An Inland Revenue spokes-woman said: "We will look at each case on its merits but in simple terms, if the garment is logo-ed, then there will be no tax, but without a logo it may be treated as a benefit in

Connex South East and Connex South Central have led the field in casting off oldstyle uniforms, with blue and er, the French-owned companies may have steered clear of a Revenue rebuke by ensuring that most items sport an



Connex's new look





# Unionist leaders launch strategy to wreck peace proce



Paisley: opened fighting fund for Province tour

THE Ulster Unionist movement was bitterly divided yesterday after two of its three party leaders launched an all-out campaign to wreck the peace process.

More than 1,300 hardcore Unionists packed Belfast's Ulster Hall on Monday night to hear Ian Paisley and Robert McCartney, leaders of the Democratic Unionist and UK Unionist parties, denounce the Stormont talks as a plot to destroy the Union. They accused David Trimble's much larger Ulster Unionist Party of betrayal for sitting

down opposite Sinn Fein.
"We will go to the hamlets, villages, towns and other cities of

Significant opposition could scupper Stormont negotiations, reports Martin Fletcher

our Province and with the help of God we'll set the winds on fire," Dr Paisley vowed in a speech that had the audience on its feet and roaring its approval.

The surprisingly large and vehement crowd proved that there was "significant opposition within the Unionist movement, enough to build a political campaign of rejection", Paul Bew, a politics professor at Queen's University, said.

Together Mr Paisley and Mr McCartney represent more than 40 per cent of Unionist voters, but there is also significant dissent within the UUP. Writing in The Daily Telegraph yesterday, William Ross, an Ulster Unionist MP, openly criticised Mr Trimble for retreating on the issue of IRA disarmament and leading his party into a "dangerous

Mr Trimble, usually considered a hardliner himself, refused to attend the "Ulster in Crisis" meeting, but used a speech in his Upper Bann constituency to hit back at Unionist "prophets of doom". He accused them of relentless negativity and

urged them to "stop stabbing in the back those of us who have the courage to face the enemies of peace

and democracy".

He insisted that participating in the talks was the best way to turn the talks was fine Fein and force it to choose between walking out or agreeing to an "unmistakably British" outcome.

Mr Trimble received support from Tony Blair, who told the Labour conference that "talking is no treachery. Agreeing is no betrayal. The real betrayal would be to let violence take the place of democracy in Northern Ireland again." The Prime Minister continued: "In the name of humanity, I ask that ancient enmities be put aside." In her conference speech Mo Mowlam, the Northern Ireland Secretary, again urged the DUP and UKUP to

join the talks.

Mr Paisley and Mr McCartney opened a fighting fund, promised a grand tour of the Province to rally its people, proposed an urgent Unionist convention and called for

the recreation of the Ulster Unionist

Council to organise the Use defence. Mr McCartney clarithat the Government was "we to a strategy of disengagement Northern breland" that only overwhelming public demonstration of pro-Union opposition.

At Stormont yesterday repr tatives of the eight participarties agreed that all three stof the full-scale peace negot should begin next Tuesday first will explore new parrangements for Northern I the second north-south re, and the third a strengthened trish relationship.

# EU judge rejects beef ban protest by Britain

FROM CHARLES BREMNER IN BRUSSELS

BRITAIN'S legal challenge to the ban on its beef exports suffered a big setback yesterday when the European Court of Justice issued an interim opinion that rejected all the Government's arguments against the Brussels action.

The court's advocate-gener
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facilities this were iningham issued continental press he had reported export of tens of tons of British be to Jacques Santer, the Commission, ham said he had

al whose findings are in most cases later endorsed by the full court, said the need to stop the possible spread of the new variant of Creutzfeldt-Jakob disease (CJD) had fully justified the European Commission's action in calling the worldwide ban in March last year. The Conservative Government and the National Farmers' Union had brought separate but similar cases to the court, arguing that the Commission had abused its powers. The Commission had, they claimed, breached single market laws by imposing a discriminatory ban to protect consumer confidence" and had no right to outlaw exports to countries outside the EU.

The Government yesterday played down the provisional finding, depicting it as a legacy of the confrontational tactics of John Major's team. A British court victory has been deemed unlikely since the court last year rejected an emergency British request for a stay on the han pending a full ruling. Jack Cunningham, the Agriculture Minister, said the Government would await the final ruling, expected later this year.

However, the arguments of Giuseppe Tesauro, the Italian advocate-general, gave force to continuing EU complaints that British controls on beef production and exports were inadequate. The European Commission and parliament continue to accuse Britain of failing to put adequate mea-sures in place to ensure that potentially contaminated beef does not reach British or foreign markets. The Commission started legal proceedings against Britain earlier this month to enforce tighter mea-

As an EU parliamentary delegation inspected British

facilities this week. Dr Cunningham issued a denial of continental press reports that he had reported the illegal export of "tens of thousands of tons" of British beef. In a letter to Jacques Santer, president of the Commission, Dr Cunningham said he had been "angered by this baseless report" which had first appeared in a French newspaper on Sunday. Despite the denials, however, Belgian. French and German papers vesterday continued to give the report credence.

Continental resistance to any easing of the ban was also stiffened with the widespread media attention given yesterday to two new studies that confirm a likely link between BSE, or "mad cow" disease, and the new strain of CJD.

Signor Tesauro said: "In the light of the scientific uncertainties and in the absence of reliable national controls and given the urgency of the situation — the Commission's decision cannot be regarded as manifestly inappropriate.

"Health is a priority objective which justifies restrictions on the free movement of goods and is regarded as fundamental to the common agricultural policy." The extension of the embargo to the whole world was fully justified under EU law because of the risk that British meat would be shipped back into Europe from other countries. He advised the court to order Britain to pay all costs in its case.

British farmers said they were disappointed by the ruling but insisted it should not be seen as a setback for efforts to get the beef ban lifted.

Sir David Naish, president

of the National Farmers' Union, said: "Since the ban was imposed 18 months ago, the Government and our industry have taken enormous steps forward in further helping to eradicate the risk of BSE. He added: "The UK now has the toughest anti-BSE controls anywhere in the world, some of which have been in place since 1989." He said efforts to lift the ban would be redoubled.



Amanda Braithwaite, was pleased because the outcome would help many women in law firms being paid less than men

# Legal clerk wins equal pay fight

By Frances GIBB LEGAL CORRESPONDENT

A WOMAN conveyancing clerk who began proceedings against her law firm when it would not pay her the same as male colleagues or give her a company car has won £19,000 in a pre-hearing

Amanda Braithwalte, 34, took Hegarty & Co, a firm of solicitors in Peterborough, to an industrial tribunal after it would not comply with equal pay laws. But in a decision that will be watched by many low-paid women in the profession, the firm agreed before the

hearing to pay her back pay and increase her salary to that of the men.

The decision is the latest in a growing number of claims being brought by women solicitors, legal executives and clerks for alleged breaches of sex discrimination or equal pay laws. Yesterday Ms Braithwaite, who has worked for Hegarty & Co for 13 years, said: "I am very pleased because I understand there are a lot of women in other solicitors' firms in the same situation."

She added: "I moved up from being a secretary to doing conveyancing work and I was earning the same fees, if not more, than the men. But my salary was

Major overturns tradition

to back Hague at Blackpool

By Andrew Pierce, Political correspondent

Heseltine said: "Michael be-

lieves it is time for the next

generation to come forward

and for old warhorses like him

Mr Major and his wife,

Norma, will make a flying

visit, leaving on the first day of

the conference for a lecture

tour of the United States. Mr

Major will urge the party to

rally behind Mr Hague's leadership and reforms of the

But problems persist for the

party leader. The newly formed pressure group Con-

servative Democratic Move-

ment has taken a series of

only about £19,000, when they were earning £21,000 and had company cars."

Ms Braithwaite said that the firm's senior partner, Richard Hegarty, a senior member of the Law Society council, had been very sympathetic but was unable to persuade some of his partners. Yesterday he said he was delighted. "I advised that Amanda had a cast-fron case."

The outcome was also hailed by the Equal Opporunities Commission, which backed Ms Braithwaite. Kamlesh Bahl, the chairman, said that more such cases were coming as awareness grew and women — now half the legal profession — acquired confidence.

# Parents who abuse face eviction

By Frances Glbb Legal correspondent

COURTS have new powers from today to remove parents from the family home if they abuse or assault their children. The measures, contained in the Family Law Act 1996 brought in under the previous Government, will enable courts to issue "ouster" orders for the protection of children.

for the protection of children.

Before, when courts made emergency protection or interim care orders it was always the child and not the abuser who had to leave the home for new accommodation.

The Act also extends legal protection available to spouses and co-habitees who are the victims of domestic violence to others, such as relatives and former spouses or former co-habitees.

Lord Irvine of Lairg, the Lord Chancellor, said the new measures represented "the most significant strengthening of the civil law dealing with the scourge of domestic violence that we have seen for the last 2D years. The Government is fully aware of the extent of the misery domestic violence can cause."

# McAliskey too ill for court says psychiatri

Extradition proceedings for the terrorist suspect Russ McAliskey were halted yesterday because a professor psychiatry said that she was too ill to attend court. After hearing that Miss McAliskey could not endure the stress an appearance. Nicholas Evans, the stipendiary magistrates at Bow Street Magistrates Court, said that he would grain extradition to the Germani Government when she could appear. Miss McAliskey is wanted by the Germans as at alleged member of an IRA active service unit which mortal bombed a British Army barracks at Osnabrück in June las, year. She faces four charges, including attempted murder and conspiracy to cause explosions, linked in the bombing in which no one was injured. While she has been in custof she has given birth to a girl and is on bail in a mother all baby unit at a psychiatric hospital. During the hearing James Lewis, for the German Government, said that it day agreed that a court appearance would have astrous detrimental effect on her mental health.

### Arrests in Peps raids

Police raided 15 homes and made nine arrests in connection with a fraud ring in London that has been milking Pepsaving schemes with a simple racket. The fraudsters, led by West Africans, made hundreds of applications with cheque of about £5,000 each drawn on bogus accounts. However, therefore the "cooling off" period for new customers they asket for their money back. Companies sent back the mone before discovering the applicants theques were worthless city of London Police said many firms had been hit.

### Fifty held by Customs

Customs investigators arrested more than 50 people in dawn raids in London and the South East yesterday in a suspected £100 million duty-free alcohol fraud. A loader handgun and £150,000 were seized. In the raids, 400 Customs officers supported by local police targeted homes companies and warehouse facilities, including a recognised bonded facility in Ipswich. Customs teams have been working for more than a year on investigations including undercover surveillance.

### Lady Steel fined £600

Lady Steel of Alkwood, wife of the former Liberal Lord Steel, was fined £600 and had ten penalty imposed yesterday for a hit-and-run accident in whicknocked over a cyclist in a city centre street. Ed. Sheriff Court was told that a passenger had told Latthat the cyclist was "OK". Lady Steel, 57, of Selkirk, as careless driving and failing to stop after an accident of 4. Sheriff James Farrell accepted a not guilty plea to charge of failing to report the accident.

### Army denies cover-up

The British Army in Cyprus yesterday angrily allegations of a cover-up after a court in Cyprus discussion a group of South London tourists. Three other sold walked free last Friday. A second defendant yester switched his plea to guilty after prosecutors agreed to receive charges from grievous bodily harm to actual by harm and common assault. "We have done our utmost," operate with the Cyprus police," said an Army spokes

### Miners win damages

Thousands of former miners are expected to compensation claims against British Coal after (Court awarded seven miners damages totallis £125.000 in a compensation claim for the cripplin known as vibration white finger. The disability years of using power tools, deprives sufferers of hands. The High Court in Newcastle upon Ty; January that British Coal and the former N Board had failed to protect workers from the co.

### Guns compensation

As the annesty for surrender of large-calibre weapo ended last night, the Home Office said that it planned to p many of the compensation claims in the next two mont Gun groups estimate that the final bill could be f million. Officials will settle all straightforward clincluding a flat rate of £150 for some weapons and based on an agreed price list. Owners who surremailer calibre weapons which are not yet banner receive as gratia payments.

# New Labour discovers a new country

JOHN MAJOR will break

with the tradition of former

Tory leaders and make a

speech at next week's Conser-

vative Party conference, his

first speech since the general

The surprising intervention

at Blackpool next week is ar.

attempt to bolster the author-

ity of William Hague, Michael

Heseltine, the deputy to Mr.

Major in Downing Street, will

be a conspicuous absentee

from the conference, for the

He has dismissed sugges-

tions that he has snubbed Mr

Hague. A source close to Mr

first time since 1951.

Continued from page I won." And off he went, hooked on

renewal. Is there no way of gently steering this man clear of visionary nouns lest he start shooting up again, and damage himself?

A jaded view, and there is certainly

another. I witnessed Mr Blair's reception by two sharply contrasting audiences. In Cinema 5 of the Brighton Odeon, journalists who had failed to squeeze into the conference half were given a 300-seat theatre to observe a giant image of Mr Blair, mouthing abstractions for an hour. There was no popcorn. He was observed in a silence

punctuated by giggles.

In Cirema I, a 900-seat theatre was given over to those hordes of the party faithful for whom there was no room in the hall. Mr Blair — or his image — was received with rapture. After the

speech was over, cinemagoers were asked to keep their seats for a surprise. For five minutes Glenda Jackson twhose command is growing) played the unfamiliar role of warm-up artists. Then Tony and Cherie walked in. One woman screamed with excitement. Mr Blair shook hands and said how much he needed them. He began

taiking about New Britain again.

When he left, it was to rapture.

for a surprise.
In one the speech worked, in the other. In one the speech worked, in the other it flopped. Powerful movements need a touch of mass hysteria to fuel them and if Mr Blair becomes a great statesman we shall see in yesterday's conference speech early evidence of his inspirational gifts.

If his chariot carrwheels, we shall

inspirational gifts.

If his chariot carrivheels, we shall remark that already in Brighton in 1997 he was starting to flip.

advertisements in national

newspapers, including The

Times, opposing the membership ballot which has secured

an approximate 75 per cent

endorsement for Mr Hague's

The founder, Peter Gregory,

Skipton and Ripon constituen-

cy. is seeking a rerun of the ballot on an audited basis of

one member, one vote. A Tory

spokesman said: "It was not a

perfect process, but William

Hague carried out his word:

Labour conference, pages 6-9

he consulted."

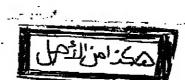
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# Stop engines: and an old lady is history

THE last of a million passengers who have sailed on the cruise liner Canberra over 36 years disembarked at Southampton yesterday, bleary from partying and sad at the loss of a dear, old friend. Launched in Belfast in 1960,

the "Great White Whale" of Falklands fame faces an uncertain retirement.

Her career ended at 12.15pm yesterday when, as she tied up at berth 106, Captain Rory Smith rang down finished with engines" on the engineroom telegraph, and the youn-gest apprentice engineer on board acknowledged his final

For 20 nights its 1,600 passengers had drunk and danced their way round the Mediterranean on a last cruise that sold out within three days of being advertised.

Many were old Canberra hands, including George and Maureen Ramsay from Aberdeen, on their 20th voyage. "This is like your grandmother dying," said the Ramsays.
Her last day in service was

more wild wake than solemn funeral. As she nosed up the foggy channel of Southampton Water, dressed overall and festooned with streamers, a flotilla of small boats and

Alan Hamilton

ment, old friends of the vessel reports on a sad with Rule Britannia, A Life on the Ocean Wave and the Last day as Canberra Long, mournful blasts on the ship's hooter were an-swered by cheers from sight-

whoops of other boats.

should not have been.

sails home for the last time

naval frigates emerged from the morning mist to accompa-

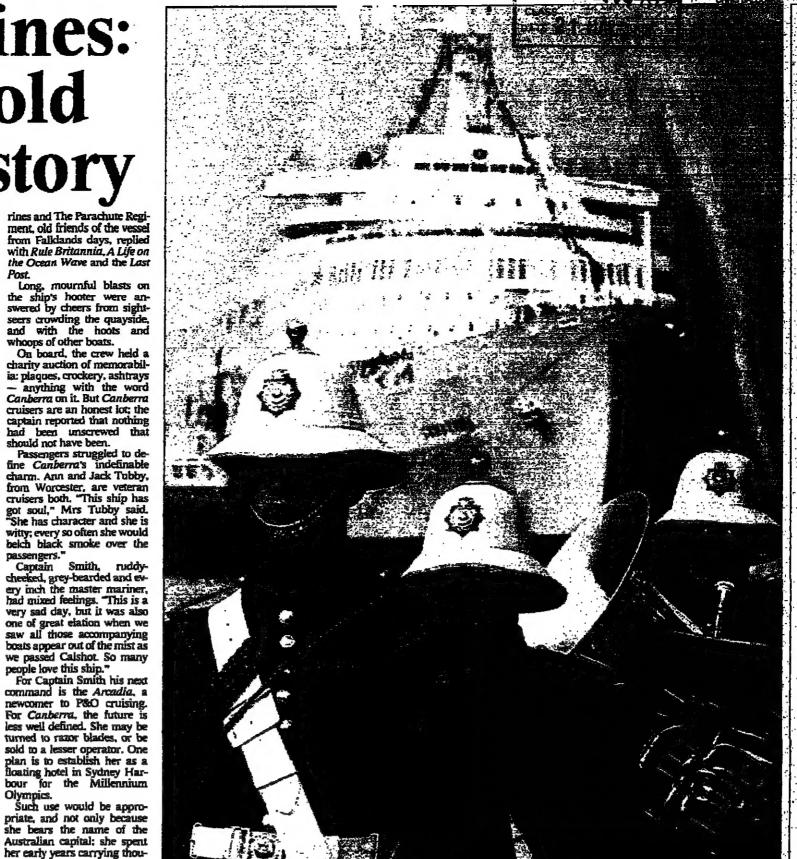
ny her home.

Her rails were draped with banners, including personal messages of farewell from loyal cruisers, and one proud reminder of her war service: "Canberra cruises where OE2 refuses" - a reference to her having been a 44,000-ton sitting target in "Bomb Alley" at the height of the Falklands conflict, while her rival Cunard flagship lurked off

South Georgia.
As tugs nudged her to her mooring and fire boats played giant fountains, passengers and the 800 crew lined the rails to give lusty voice to Farewell Canberra, Our Wonderful Home on the Sea, a song specially composed for the occasion. On the quayside

the bands of the Royal Maboats appear out of the mist as we passed Calshot. So many people love this ship." For Captain Smith his next command is the Arcadia, a newcomer to P&O cruising. For Canberra, the future is less well defined. She may be turned to razor blades, or be sold to a lesser operator. One plan is to establish her as a floating hotel in Sydney Har-bour for the Millennium

> Such use would be appropriate, and not only because she bears the name of the Australian capital: she spent her early years carrying thou-sands of immigrants to a new life down under on EIO assist-



A Royal Marines hand greets the Canberra as she sails home to Southampton for the last time yesterday

# Perfect English gentleman 'took hotels to the cleaners'

LUXURY hotels across Europe were sympathetic when the businessman with the double-barrelled English name wrote to complain that waiters

The triumphant return from the Falklands in 1982

had spilt food on his Savile Row suit. The hoteliers were happy to meet Charles Chalfont-Morgan's requests bursed. But Mr Chalfont-Morgan was simply a figment of the imagina-tion of Simone Rossi, a motorcycle courier who made systematic and successful demands for £19.99 cleaning bills, Kingston Crown Court was

Armed with a mail-drop address, a pad of bogus dry-cleaning receipts **Richard Duce** on the supposed serial soiling of a well-travelled suit

and a copy of the Hotel and Travel Index, Mr Rossi, 33, is alleged to have made thousands of pounds with his "simple and ingenious"

David Leckie, for the prosecution described how Mr Rossi picked hotels in Holland, Denmark, Russia, Poland, Ireland and Turkey and then sent a pro forma letter accompanied by a bogus receipt from the Prim and Proper cleaning company.

The letter said: "The suit is silk and hand made in Savile Row, London, and as such have incurred a charge of £19.99 which I now ask you never recovered but Stephen Crabb, charge of £19.99 which I now ask you to kindly reimburse me."

Mr Leckie said that hotels sent centre in Morden, Surrey where Mr Rossi is alleged to have set up the mail-drop address for El6. Mr Rossi, of Hastings, East Sussex, denies seven charges of obtaining property by deception and false accounting between April and June last year.

the centre manager, kept a further 120 after becoming suspicious when cutting which named a Mr Chalfont-Morgan as a fraudster. They were found to contain cheques and cash

totalling almost £1,800. Some hotels were also suspicious The Pulitzer Hotel in Amsterdar replied: "We will not be able to belp you as fortunately for us five-star

The court was told that when police searched Mr Rossi's bungalow in June last year they found a John Ball printing press and a receipt book with one receipt and Prope Cleaning Ltd, a company which,

was proved, did not exist But Detective Constable Brian Lucas, in charge of the investigation, admitted that they found no letters to hotels and no replies. He also said he had never traced a cashed cheque or a Chalfont-Morgan bank account. The trial continues



Rossi: denies fraud

Student 'invited friend to join in with sex'

BY A STAFF REPORTER

A STUDENT who claims that she was raped by six army officers tried to persuade her friend to join in a group sex session, it was alleged yesterday.

The woman, 24, sugges ed to her friend that a group session would be "fun" as they drank with the officers in a pub. Oxford Crown Court was told.
Stewart Montrose, defending Nicholas Oettin-ger, asked her: "Do you remember saying to your friend 'We could have some fun here and her responding 'I'm only inter-ested in one? Do you remember at one stage using the phrase I can take five — we can do it or I can take the rest?"

The student, who was 23 at the time of the alleged attack, denied inviting her friend to join in with sex.

Captain Philip Bates, 26, of Bordon, Hampshire, Captain Ian Barlow, 29, of Northallerton, North Yorkshire, Lieutenant Matthew Tupling, 24, of Bordon, Lieutenant Darren Bart-lett, 24, of Arborfield, Berkshire. Officer Carlet Andrew Stout, 20, of Newcastle upon Tyne, and Officer Cadet Oettinger, 20, of Preston, deny a single charge of rape on May 27 last year. The men, from the Royal

Electrical and Mechanical Engineers, are alleged to have raped the woman at the Royal Military College of Science at Shrivenham, Oxfordshire, after she had spent the day with them drinking and at a fete. She had gone back to the

military college with her friend and taken a sauna with the men, who were all naked, but fled the sauna in tears after Mr Tupling urinated on her. The student said Mr Oettinger took her to a bedroom to change. She told the jury: Any sex was out of the question because of what had happened in the saudressed and go home."

Mr Montrose said: "You were enjoying every mo-ment of this fun and games up until the moment Tupling urmated on you.

I suggest you have lied court about what took place in the sauma. You went up to Bates's room in going to have sex and prepared to have a good

The trial continues.

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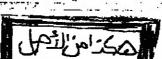
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# One in five night operations left to junior surgeons

operations at night are per-formed by unsupervised ju-nior surgeons, and nearly half of the anaesthetists are trainees, a year-long survey of 355 hospitals has found.

A committee of the royal medical colleges set out to discover why "a disturbing number of patients who died had undergone their surgery out of hours". The conclusion was that lack of resources and bad management meant that too much surgery was unnecessarily performed outside normal hours, when duty staff were not fully trained.

The study of 51,600 operations prompted calls yesterday for a reorganisation of hospitals, with larger units built to provide 24-hour theatre cover. At present 93 per cent of operations are performed during normal working hours. Six per cent take place between 6pm and midnight, and l per cent between midnight and 8am. The report says that junior house officers, fearful of ringing their seniors for adrice, are often left in sole

charge at night. Too many decisions are made by too-junior trainees." says the National Confidential Inquiry into Perioperative Deaths. Management before operations — such as ensuring that patients were starved before surgery — was someunsupervised staff

make too many

decisions, Ian

Murray reports ance needed from experienced

staff. Management of intravenous fluids was poor in some cases and records and charts were often poorly kept. The report quotes a registrar's notes: "Patient admitted

as an emergency. Performed as per traditional way at the end of the day by a junior doctor, and this is frequently inappropriate." A plastic surgeon had to wait seven hours to amputate the thumb of a four-year-old boy at 10pm, ... and this is less than average delay.

Stuart Ingram, the anaesthetist on the committee, said: The provision of staffed emergency theatres available throughout the full 24 hours must be the goal for all major hospitals." He added, however. Making provision for that would be an expensive

Dr Ingram said that only 0.5 per cent of operations at

A study says that night were clinical cies, so a dedicated unit could only be justified at a hospital carrying out 200 operations a day. This was double the number performed at the larg-est hospital at present. Sir Rodney Sweetnam, pres-

ident of the Royal College of Surgeons, said: The days when very small hospital can provide comprehensive services are past. Therefore we need a change in the organisational framework with hospitals working together and trusts amalgamating." Ideally, a major acute hospital should serve a population of

between 450,000 and 500,000. The committee asks: "Have we grown used to a culture where 'emergencies', both in anaesthesia and surgery, are too often seen as the province

"Surely a fundamental reassessment of the arrangements for the management of emer-gency cases will be required. Emergency inhours operating lists covered by consultant anaesthetists must be the pattern for the future."

Pending reorganisation, the report calls for acute hospitals to dedicate daylight time in operating theatres for emergencies, so that they do not have to be performed at night when operations take longer because staff motivation is



BRIDGET CONSTERDINE with her two-month-old baby, Gabrielle, whose birth has cost her the use of her legs. The multiple sclerosis sufferer

said yesterday that she had no regrets (Richard Duce writes). Doctors had warned Mrs Consterdine, 28, that her health could deteriorate rapidly after she gave birth, but it was a price she was prepared to pay. Before she conceived. she could get out of her wheelchair and walk three or

### Sacrifice of MS mother

four steps with the help of a frame. Within four months of falling pregnant, her incurable condition worsened, with her legs becoming almost completely paralysed.

Mrs Consterdine, who lives with her husband, Andrew. near Sudbury, Suffolk, said

she had never wanted children until June last year when "something clicked" inside and she decided that she wanted a family:

"As Gabrielle grows up I will still be able to do lots of things with her, like going to the park and swimming. The only thing I get upset about is the thought that I will never be able to run around with her and kick a ball. I will have to leave that part of parenting to my husband."

# THE TIMES WEDNESDAY OCTOBER 1 199 Pill scare caused abortions and births to births to soar LEXANIDRA FREAN, SOCIAL AFFAIRS CORPORATION OF THE PROPERTY OF

THE contraceptive pill scare of October 1995 resulted in 10,000 abortions in the following nine months, equalling the highest termination rate since records began in 1969.

Figures released yesterday by the Office for National Statistics appear to confirm fears that the haste with which the Government issued a warning that some brands of the Pill could cause fatal blood clots frightened many women to stop taking it rather than switch to safer brands.

The result was a dramatic. increase in abortions and in the birth rate. Between October 1995 and June 1996, 30,000 more pregnancies were re-corded than would normally have been expected. The abortion rate rose from 14.5 per thousand women to 16 per thousand, matching levels eached in 1990.

Independent research has already shown that up to 5 per cent of women who had been using the Pill may have stopped because of the warnings.

In a typical three-month period there are about 200,000 conceptions in Britain. This figure had been in steady. decline in the five years before the Pill scare, partly as a result of increased use of the Pill among teenage girls and women in their twenties, Rebecca Wood, co-author of the

But in the nine months after

6,000 extra teenage pregnates were recorded. The were about 9,000 extra concer tions among women age between 20 and 24, 9,00 among women aged betwee 25 and 29, and 6,000 amos

women aged 30 and over. She added that about half the 6,000 extra teenage pre nancies resulted in abortion This is considerably hig

Nine out of ten men who h had a vaseetomy said it w relatively painless, a surv published yesterday found Many said it had also in proved love-making became it removed the fear of m wanted pregnancy. Vased my has the lowest failure ra of any form of centraception None of the 500 men questioned by the charity Man Stopes International said # operation had any advers effect on his sex life.

than the normal abortion rat of 20 per cent. Women in their late twenties and thirties, how ever, were far more likely have kept their child.

A spokesman for the Fami Planning Association said the not all of the extra pregnance would have been unwanted on unplanned. In some case particularly among women i their thirties, the scare ma, have been the trigger that led

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# More men in their prime cut down by violence

By IAN MURRAY, MEDICAL CORRESPONDENT

A GROWING number of men are dying in the prime of life, usually because of violence associated with drugs or alcohol, the Chief Medical Officer has disclosed.

Sir Kenneth Calman said that the death rate for men aged between 25 and 39 was the only one to have risen in the past decade — up by about ten per 100,000. "This is the most productive period of their lives and it is a tragedy not only for them but for their awnch of his annual report.

The report showed that deaths related to drug misuse and accidental poisoning had crease, Sir Kennth said, but it

ing lower social classes.

highlighted in the report. Sir Kenneth said that it was responsible for a quarter of reported assaults; up to one woman in three reported that they had been physically abused by a male partner and 40 per cent of the violent killers of women were their current or former partner. . Violence of this sort was

more common during preg-

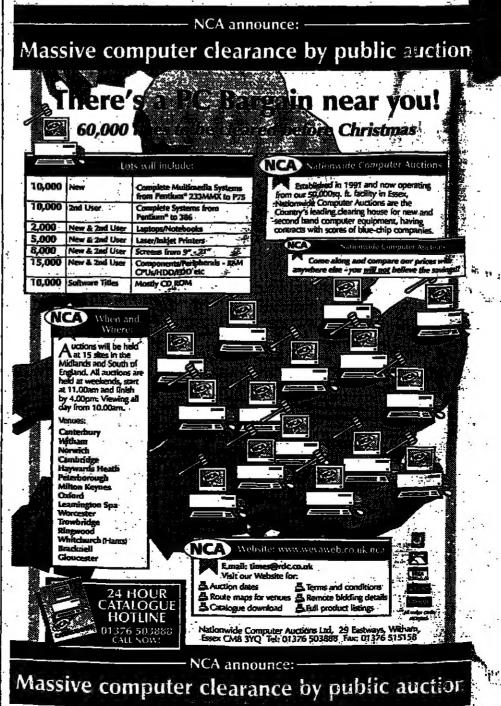
nancy, and the children of battered mothers were more likely to be abused themproblem. Medical staff may not understand it and need to learn to recognise it," Sir Kenneth said. I don't know what the answer is." There were implications for

the added strain such violence erable, personal costs even more so, especially if not

acknowledged or renign He reported that health was improving and However, the health faced an increasing challe in providing care for disable people. There were 7.3 6 people with a disabilit needed support, especial because of discrimination against them.

Sir Kenneth said that was disturbing evide

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# Briton's cocaine trial gets off to a forgetful start

A BRITISH teenager who could face up to 15 years in a Russian labour camp for drug smuggling pleaded not guilty iл a Moscow court yesterday

at the opening of her retrial. Karen Henderson, 19, who looked pale but composed as she was escorted under guard to a cage in the courtroom, denied an indictment accusing her of attempting to smuggle 10lb of cocaine from Havana to Warsaw via Moscow. Last year Miss Henderson was sentenced to six years in a women's labour camp, but an appeal court ordered a retrial after serious flaws emerged in the first hearings, particularly the incompetence of a courtappointed interpreter.

In yesterday's hearings the presiding judge, Natalia Arinkina, who sits on a panel of three, went to great lengths to ensure that the proceedings were properly translated to

The officers in a Moscow drugs

arrest could not remember what

### went on, Richard **Beeston** reports

case not difficult to follow because the prosecution's first two witnesses, the customs agents who discovered the concealed drugs and detained Miss Henderson, could barely remember any details of the incident nearly 20 months

Dmitri Tyagunov, who found the cocaine hidden in the false bottom of a suitcase, told the court that he could not remember whether the suitcase was marked with a bag-

gage tag, nor if a matching baggage claim was attached to Miss Henderson's airline ticket. "It was a long time ago. I don't remember many of the details," he said. "I could not even tell you if it was night or

His colleague, Vladimir Nakhlestkin, similarly had only a hazy recollection of the night in question, and the judge ordered that the head of the customs department at Sheremetevo airport appear before the court with the suitcase and other material evidence on October 14. Miss Henderson, who was a

and returning from a holiday in Latin America when she was arrested, insists that she bought the suitcase from a man at Havana airport because hers had broken, and she had no idea that it contained narcotics. The defendant's mother.

student in Utrecht, Holland,

Patricia Henderson, said that



Karen Henderson, 19, who denies attempting to smuggle cocaine, is escorted under guard to a Moscow court yesterday for her retrial

daughter's appearance and concerned by the time that Miss Henderson had served in Moscow's notorious remand prisons. "I thought that she looked very tired and

drawn, which is not surpris-ing given the cold and the lack when she will have the possiing given the cold and the lack

of sleep she had." "She was woken this mornand drink." ing at four o'clock and brought For most of her time in up to the court and I under-

bility to have something to eat

recently been moved to a new institution, but even there her cell with 20 beds has 70

ous Butyrka prison. She has

in dreadful circumstances for the past 20 months," Mrs - Henderson said. "Even when

### PSYCHOLOGICAL SOCIETY CONFERENCE

# Brummie accent 'sounds guilty'

REPORTS BY KATHRYN KNIGHT

A BIRMINGHAM accent might not be illegal, but Brummie suspects are twice as likely to be judged to be guilty from their voices alone.

Brummie comes at the bottom of a hierarchy of regional accents which powerfully influence perceptions of criminal guilt or innocence. While a standard English accent is seen as educated and acceptable, and rural accents such as a Somerset burr are seen as non-threatening, Scouse, Belfast and Glaswegian are some of the "third-class" urban inflections likely to evoke images of criminal activity.

Berenice Mahoney, a lec-

turer at Worcester College of Higher Education, told the British Psychological Society's criminal conference at Cambridge yesterday: "If you asked anyone in the country what the most unpleasant, ugliest accent was, they would

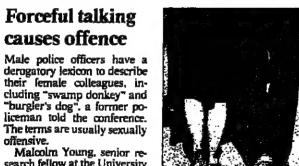
causes offence

probably say Brummie, but this accent also seems to call up a series of unpleasant cultural associations which create a powerful influence on

in a research programme at the college, 119 students picked at random were asked to listen to actors reproducing police interviews, in which they were under suspicion of either cheque fraud or armed robbery. The Brummie was thought more than twice as likely as an uninflected speaker to be guilty, regardless of

race and type of crime.
The Brummie suspect was regarded as less intelligent. more likely to be poor and working class and less socially competent," Dr Mahoney said. "As soon as they heard the accent, many of them smirked as if to say, 'I see.' "

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Television's The Bill: sexes are out of step

Malcolm Young, senior research fellow at the University of Hull and a police officer for II years, covertly gathered the terms used by his colleagues to describe their female peers. They repeatedly used un-pleasant terminology, com-paring them to animals such as dogs and pigs. Phrases such as "she's got a face like a

robber's dog chewing a wasp" is an example of language deeply entrenched in the cul-ture," Dr Young said. Depressingly, I think this kind of language may prove impossible to remove. Although there is now more training, it seems fitting to quote an inspector who said recently that two days a year

### sues was akin to giving Lem-sip to tackle a brain tumour." Magistrates 'are softer on women'

training on discrimination is-

Female offenders are often given a more sympathetic hearing by magistrates, who fall back on in-bred cultural women, the conference was

Many sentencing decisions by magistrates rely as much on gut feelings and "common sense" as on a close examination of the facts. Loraine Gelsthorpe, a lecturer at Cam-bridge University's Institute of

Criminology, said. Women were more likely to receive probation orders or be discharged than be jailed or out their consent.

fined. Dr Gelsthorpe said that a study of 200 magistrates showed that, while there was no deliberate gender discrimination. many, particularly male magistrates, were more likely to see female offenders as troubled, rather than

### Stalking law may reveal new cases

New stalking legislation could lead to a great increase in prosecutions brought by vic-tims who previously had no legal recourse, the conference was told. While a government estimate suggested that only 200 cases a year would be brought, research by Leicester University suggests that this

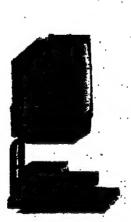
was a "gross underestimate". Of 80 women questioned at random. 20 per cent considered themselves victims of stalking and 14 per cent of them severely so. Many would be able to prosecute under the new laws. The women clerical workers, nurses and students aged between 18 and were asked to identify er to be stalking. They agreed on 20 core types, from having their house watched to having their photograph taken with-

### Child porn on Internet

■ Up to 27,000 people access paedophile pornography on the Internet every day, the conference was told. Many of them are using the anonymous contacts to exchange obscene pictures and stories ranging from "snuff" videos to pictures of naked children in catalogues. One couple had advertised to swap their

daughter with another in an exchange of abuse. The conference was told that the Internet provided a detailed index of paedophile fantasies which were presented as a sanitised and normal series of interests. Many others with a marginal interest were also entired into the world of child pornography by the ease of surfing the Net.

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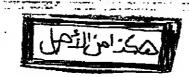
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### Criminals face zero tolerance

By JAMES LANDALE

THE Prime Minister yester-day promised to make life harder for criminals by introducing new powers to seize their ill-gotten money. In his speech to the Labour

conference the Prime Minister said he made no apology for backing "zero tolerance" on crime and that the Government would not hesitate to take on organised criminals.

Currently customs officers can only seize money that they believe is linked to drugs. The Government wants to extend the power to cover money from other forms of organised crime such as pornography.

The Government will consider giving police the power to seize money linked to organised crime. Similar powers exist in the United States and Ireland.

Ministers will also try to improve confiscation of criminal assets. Some £25 million a year should be confiscated from convicted criminals but in practice only a third is

# Ministerial team will try to bolster family life

By JILL SHERMAN, CHIEF POLITICAL CORRESPONDENT

THE Government is to set up a mittee with Mr Straw. It is special ministerial committee as part of Tony Blair's crusade to tackle the family crisis" facing Britain today.

The Prime Minister devoted a large part of his speech to the party conference in Brighton to his determination to prevent family breakdown and to ensure that policies were co-ordinated across Whitehall to bolster the

Jack Straw, the Home Secretary, is likely to chair the committee on the family, which starts work as soon as MPs return to Westminster. The comminee will be charged with scrutinising how every area of policy affects family life and suggesting changes where

Mr Straw was behind Labour's policy on parenting, published last November, and has led the way on measures to introduce parenting orders, to help stop truancy, to impose curiews for the under-10s and to combat crime.

But it is possible that Harriet Harman, the Social Security Secretary, will co-chair the com-

understood that she has been angered by the suggestion that Mr Straw will be leading a committee on policies closely related to her own department and her role as Minister for

The ministerial committee will have representatives from Health, Education. Social Security and the Home Office who will ensure that all policies are scrutinised to see how they affect family life.

"We cannot say we want a strong and secure society when we ignore its very foundation: family life," Mr Blair said.

"I am a modern man leading a modern country and this is a modern crisis: nearly 100,000 teenage pregnancies every year. Elderly parents with whom families cannot cope. Children growing up without role models they can respect and learn from. More and deeper poverty. More crime. More truancy. More neglect of educational opportunities. And, above all, more unhappiness.

Every area of this Government's policy will be scrutinised



to see how it affects family life. Every policy examined, every initiative tested, every avenue explored to see how we strengthen our families and there will be a ministerial group to drive it

Mr Blair's specific mention of teenage pregnancies could signal further measures to reduce lone parent benefit. He has already enraged many MPs by insisting that the Government will not repeal cuts in single parent

Yesterday he made clear that single mothers with school-age children would be required to at least visit a jobcentre, rather than staying at home waiting for a benefit cheque every week until the children were sixteen.

The committee is also likely to

look closely at the welfare re-forms being worked on by Frank Field, the Social Security Minister, and the study being carried out by Martin Taylor at the Treasury on integrating tax and

Mr Blair talked of a "a fundamental reform of the welfare state, and the deal between citizen and society. It means getting money out of social breakdown and into schools and hospitals where we want to see

He made clear that in future some welfare benefits would no longer be provided by the state, but individuals might be expected to take out insurance to cover for certain conditions.

Ministerial sources have already indicated that the Government is looking at the industrial injuries scheme, incapacity bene-fit and residential care for the

Mr Blair suggested that pen-sions were the first area in which the Government would create greater private provision through its stakeholder pension. Labour could no longer afford to put state pensions up across the board and impose even higher



Going public Gordon Brown steps out out with Sarah Macaulay at Brighton

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### Brown romance blossoms in the seaside air

GORDON BROWN has surprised the Labour Party conference this week. And announcments about cutting the lowest level of income tax to 10 per cent have nothing to

The Iron Chancellor, invariably described as dour and passionate only about the minutiae of fiscal policy, is suddenly starring in the romance story of the week. After months — years — of speculation the wraps have come off his girtfriend Sarah

While that other bachelor, William Hague, got engaged after a whirlwind romance, Mr Brown's relationship with Ms Macaulay, whom he is fundrasing dinner she organised two years ago, has apparently been trundling on for ages. The couple, though, have rarely been seen

together.
There was a photograph in a Sunday newspaper of them dining in a restaurant, staring into each other's eyes just before his July Budget. And then Ms Macaulay appeared happy to be snapped, alone, leaving a Downing Street

party. But that was it. In Brighton this week they have finally gone very public. It began on Sunday night when they turned up together at the party thrown by the New Statesman, organised by the public relations firm of which Ms Macaulay is joint managing director.

Conference-goers in the Grand Hotel saw the couple stride, smiling through the corridors. Photographers, caught unawares, fell over each other in their haste to get a shot. They need not have worried. There have been

plenty of other opportunities since, and by the time Mr Brown set out from his hotel make his speech on Monday when she accompanied him

for a seaside stroll. Friends say that their behaviour still does not signify that marriage is imminent. The couple are understood to have been sharing a suite, though this has not been confirmed by Mr Brown's camp. Ms Macaulay, who, like her boyfriend is reserved. does not give interviews about herself, though when a friend told her that The Times was writing about her, she said: "Tell him how lovely I am."

operator. Ms Macaning, has been busy networking in the conference hotels this enjoyed the past few days even though much of her time has been spent playing the waiting game. Not waiti Mr Brown to propose (though she might be), just waiting Waiting for Mr Brown finish meetings, conclude in-

terviews, give briefings. At 8pm on Monday, the day that the Chancellor was most in demand, she was spotted standing in the lobby of the Metropole chatting with friends as she waited for him to come down to dinner. She was still standing there, patiently, at 11.15pm. For those in the bars who cannot resist speculating on such things this has been the most interesting visible aspect of their relationship. After all keep-ing one's cool while hanging around for hours in order to eat late dinners is an essential

### New curbs planned on party donations

By JILL SHERMAN

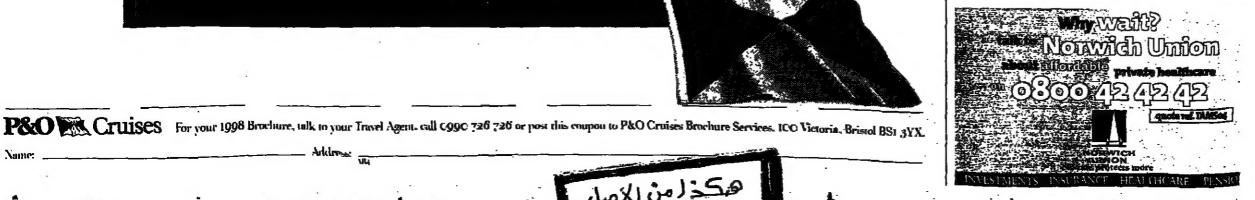
LEGISLATION to outlaw foreign donations to all political parties will be introduced by the Government this autumn, the Prime Minister an-

The Bill will also require all political parties to publish all donations over £5,000. The proposals are line with Labour policy, but Mr Blair yesterday

went further than expected. After the general election, Mr Blair's advisers suggested that the Prime Minister would initially refer the issue of political funding to the Nolan Committee on Standards in Public Life. But yesterday the Prime Minister announced that he would speed ahead with legislation as soon a

Officials hinted that in th longer term Mr Blair migh introduce state funding political parties in an attemp to put an end to the wid

election funds.
The Tories do not at prese: disclose their donors althoug William Hague, the par leader, has said that he wou also back reforms in this are The Government is to r view the "Widdicambe" rule which ban senior town ha staff from political activity as ensure political impartiali The review follows growing pressure from party membe



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# Fine performance, but can he live up to his promises?

TONY BLAIR now dominates the ideological as well as the electoral rights. It is based on duty. Our duty landscape. Having expropriated the economic legacy of Thatcher-ism, yesterday he offered a social and moral agenda for Middle

The political genius of Blairism is that, by providing the electoral success the party has craved for so long, he can brush aside most of its beliefs. It is not just public ownership or redistributive taxation. No one expected Mr Blair to talk about socialism or equality. But he also rejected many of the activists longheld social values — the emphasis on rights and grievances which has dominated the politics of the Left

since the late 1960s. Instead, Mr Blair argued that "a

to each other. To all should be given opportunity, from all responsibility demanded."

He dismissed the objections of civil libertarians to zero tolerance on crime. While emphasising that he was not preaching to individuals about their private lives, he argued that family life was the "very foundation" of a strong and secure society. There will even be a ministerial group to ensure the priority of the family. While urging tolerance and freedom from prejudice on race, he was against positive discrimination.

However, Mr Blair's attempt to pull together these themes under the phrase "The Giving Age" was

### RIDDELL ON POLITICS

strained, while the repeated references to "shining beacons" were Kennedyesque in their sonorous emptiness. Nonetheless, it was a formidable performance delivered

by a confident leader at the peak of his powers. There was plenty of substance too, notably on educa-tion and health, and the new controls on party funding. And, behind the repetition of the famil-iar wait-and-see formula on a single currency, there were hints of a more positive approach: "We cannot shape Europe unless we

His underlying warning against complacency was both timely and right. Mr Blair's advisers have been worried about a revival of an old Labour mood - that now the election is won, new Labour can be forgotten. The Blair camp was irritated by John Precott's triumphalism on Monday and the leader's office intervened over Frank Dobson's plan to bar

those who use solely private

healthcare from serving on NHS

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Mr Blair wanted to bring the party down to earth. He left no doubt about his ambitions to be "not just a better government than the Tories but one of the great,

course, is can the Government

He reaffirmed the priority of welfare reform, saying that the country will not carry on paying more in taxes. So in language reminiscent of David Owen whom Mr Blair resembles in many other ways as well - there is to be "compassion with a hard edge". The Government's role is "to organise provision - like new stakeholder pensions - not fund it ill through ever higher taxes". Housing benefit — "in some areas, virtually designed for fraud" -

Mr Blair did not say who would be affected by the "hard choices" which he repeatedly mentioned, though the Government is looking

at the scope for increasing private financing not only of pensions but also of other foreseeable risks like industrial injuries and residential

care in old age.

A key test of the party's willingness to accept these "hard choices" will come this afternoon over David Blunkett's proposals on student tuition fees. Mr Blair yesterday promised that resources saved would go back into universities and the cap on student num-bers would be lifted. Of course, any defeat will be ignored by ministers. But the vote will show how far delegates are willing to accept the substance as well as applaud the rhetoric of their leader.

PETER RIDDELL

# Blair strives to calm anger on tuition fees

TONY BLAIR yesterday sought to head off a potential defeat over university tuition fees at the Labour conference by promising to increase stu-dent numbers and exempt low income families from the new

charge.
The Prime Minister also promised to make Britain's education system a "beacon to the world" as he announced proposals to raise standards and repair crumbling school buildings. Ministers will today hear angry protests from some delegates over their plans to charge students £1,000 tuition fees from next year, ending the long-held principle of free higher education. Mr Blair said that families on low incomes would be exempt from the fees and insisted that students could repay cost-of-living loans only when they could afford to do

He also promised to plough the money back into higher education - something that universities are demanding, saying: "We will put resources saved through reform into frontline provision in universities and further education." However, there was confusion last night over how much education when officials de-

However, Mr Blair set the Government an ambitious tar-500,000 students in higher and further education by 2002. Mr Blair won a big cheer from delegates when he announced that the Government would reverse a Conservative plan to cut spending on les-

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**James Landale** 

ment's proposals, the number of teachers and classroom assistants teaching English as a second language would have been cut by 7,000 and funding reduced from £83 million to £43 million.

Officials last night admitted that the surprise move constituted a new spending commitment, and said that the Treasury was "looking for ways to make good the short-fail". Mr Blair said: "That money is not a cost, it is an investment and it is one a civilised nation should make."

Mr Blair also set a new target of allocating E2 billion during this Parliament for school repairs and equipment. He published a list of the first 2,300 schools to benefit from

pledge to improve the technol-2002 all 32,000 schools in Britain would have modern computers with educational programmes and qualified

For the first time, information technology will be a required part of teacher train-

pupil per year. Mr Blair also urged parents to sign home-school cantracts", become more involved in their children's homework and support new measures to tackle truancy. He also con-firmed the Government's plans to improve standards of

literacy and numeracy.
The Prime Minister said that his goal was to make Britain "the best educated and skilled country in the world" and pledged: "Every single part of our schools system must be modernised to achieve it."

Diana Warwick, chief executive of the Committee of Vice-Chancellors and Principals, velcomed the priority given to higher education in Mr Blair's conference speech. "I congratulate the Government for its refusal to shirk hard decisions which have to be made," she said. "I particularly welcome the removal of the cap on student numbers which will give more opportunity to a people to benefit from life-long learning who have missed out

in the past. Angela Browning, the Conservatives' education spokesman, said: "The Prime Minister said he wanted to. ackgrounds the opportunity to go to university.

Yet he rejected the formula in the Dearing report fon the funding of higher education] which would do that, and instead has set out proposals to abolish the maintenance grant and introduce means-tested tuition fees. These proposals would hurt one group harder than any other - the poor."



Emma O'Brien at summer school. She told Tony Blair: "You and the Parliament have done the right thing"

# Girl whose words meant so much

BY RUSSELL JENKINS

A SCHOOLGIRL whose letter was read to the conference by Tony Blair last night spoke of her pride at being singled out by the Prime Minister. Emma O'Brien, Il, wrote in

praise of a summer school She explained to Mr Blair that she would normally have wasted the holiday watching television. Instead, her reading and writing had improved and she had had fun, too.

"I have started to read more books at home because summer school has really shown me that it is important. I have

Mr Blair told the conference that it was not the titles and the trappings that made

one of 30 pilot projects this year. All the pupils were asked to write to the Prime Minister telling him about the course. Mr Blair's office tele-

asked her to video it.

not shy any more. to ask permission to mention the letter. Emma said: "My headmaster called me out of class and asked if I would us to read out loud. In the

once we went to Butlin's." The schoolgirl lives in "There was only one downside to the summer Stanney Grange, Ellesmen school: we could not go to Spain for our holidays like we Port, with her parents and three brothers. Her father Dennis, a taxi driver, said: "I

Yoursincerely

### Dobson softens **NHS** trust job ban

BY POLLY NEWTON

FRANK DOBSON, the Health Secretary, yesterday toned down a warning to people with private health insurance that they would not be allowed to sit on the boards of NHS trusts and health

authorities. Mr Dobson softened his speech to delegates at the Labour conference after newspapers reported that he planned to say: "People who don't use the health service won't be running it from now on." The line was replaced in the final version with a promise that NHS boards would be drawn from the communities

they served. "How can people who don't use local hospitals know enough about them to claim to be able to run them?" Mr

Dobson said. Journalists had been briefed on Mr Dobson's speech on the afternoon before his conference appearance, but its contents had to be cleared by the Prime Minister's office.

A source close to Mr Dobson denied that the Health Secretary, who is firmly identified with old Labour, had been "sat on" by Tony Blair. He said that the revised word-ing still meant that trust board applicants would be rejected if they relied solely on private

However, one insider confirmed that yesterday's reports had caused concern among ministers who feared that Mr Dobson was sending the wrong message to the public. The speech was changed to signal that people would not necessarily be excluded from boards if they had private health insurance through

their salary package.
The Prime Minister later announced the setting up of Health Action Zones, designed to encourage innovation. They will be freed from red tape, with greater co-operation between GPs, clinics, and hospitals, less rigid procedures and joint management of budgets. Ten zones will be designated by next April and areas wanting to be included will

have to demonstrate they have a blueprint for better services. feature a network of one-stop a doctor, an optician, a dentist or a drug counsellor.

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# Blair sets Britain on course to be the promises reiterated, and a vining for this promises reiterated.

years of Opposition, I am deeply proud - privileged to stand before you as the new Labour Prime Minister of our country.
I believe in Britain. I believe

in the British people. One cross on the ballot paper. One nation was reborn. Today, I want to set an

ambitious course for this country: to be nothing less than the model 21st-century nation, a beacon to the world. It means drawing deep into the richness of the British character. Creative. Compassionate. Outward-looking. Old British values, but a new British confidence.

We can never be the biggest. We may never again be the mightiest. But we can be the best. The best place to live. The best place to bring up children, the best place to lead a ful-filled life, the best place to grow old.

Fourteen years ago, our party was written off as history. This year we made history. And let our first thanks be to the British people. You kept faith with us. And we will keep faith with you. Thank you to the party organisation, the who fashioned the finest political fighting machine our country has ever known.

Let me pay my thanks to those that led our party before me. To Neil Kinnock: the mantle of Prime Minister was never his. But I know that without him, it would never have been mine. To John Smith: who left us a fine legacy, and to whom we can now leave a fitting monument a Scottish parliament in the city where he lived, serving the country he loved and the people who loved him.

And to Jim Callaghan, who was attending Labour Party conferences before I was born: and by the look of him, will be' attending long after I've gone. My own debt of honour to Michael Foot: you led this party when, frankly, it was incapable of being led, and without ever losing a shred of your decency or your integrity. Thank you.

I suppose I should also say a final word of thanks to the Tory party. Let's be honest, we'd never have done so well. without them. So thanks to Michael Howard, to John edwood, to Peter Lille Brian Mawhinney. Sorry



Sir Brian Mawhinney knighted for services to the Conservative Party. According to John Prescott. he should be given a peerage -- for services to the Labour Party.

As for government, well, it beats the hell out of opposition. They really do say "Yes, Prime Minister" — not the Cabinet, obviously. You have to learn a whole new language. They're not in the habit of calling anything a good idea, which given the last 18 years is hardly surprising. When they describe a proposal as "ambitious", or, even worse, "interesting", what they really mean is they think

> 6 Ours was not a victory of politicians but of people. The people took their trust, and gave it to us. I want them to say, this week as they watch us here in Brighton, We did the right thing 9

it was a stupid idea, dreamt up at the last minute for the

When they describe it as "challenging", they mean there's not a hope in hell of making it work. And when they say of a policy "really a brave proposal, Prime Minister", it means they've got the doctor outside waiting to sign the certificates and they've just applied for a transfer to a senior job administering one of our few remaining dependent territories.

It's not the titles and the cars and the trappings that make government worthwhile. It's letters like this from 11-yearold Emma O'Brien from Ellesmere Port: "Summer school was a good idea. I have started to read more books. I have learnt more spellings. We've had fun. All of us have made new friends. I think you and Parliament have done the right thing. I have got a better

Or this one from Mrs Patri-

serve them. We won because we are new Labour, because we had the courage to change ourselves, and the discipline to take hard decisions, whilst

him from school. By the fourth

day the change was showing in Stephen. His enthusiasm

grew, confidence gained, his

ability to read, write, spell, speak, and question politely,

was amazing."
That is why we are here.

That is what makes the fight-

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say, this week as they watch us here in Brighton, "We did the right thing," I want the British

people to be as proud of having elected us as we are to

remaining united. Even now - and I say this even now - no complacency. I know ו אר obsessive about this. But I will admit now that I perhaps went over the top when I phoned Millbank Tower on election night to say that people were behaving as though it was in the

was told: "Look, we've got 150 seats. The Tories have got six. It's hard to persuade the media this thing's on a knife edge." But still, no complacency.

May I was the beginning.

not the end. We have never won two full consecutive terms of office. Never. That is one more record I want to break. No cockiness about the Tories. even now. They're not dead, they are just sleeping.

"Each afternoon I collected a warning to us. What the

people give, the people can take away. We are the ser-vants. They are the masters

of the future outlined in the Prime

Minister's speech to his party

conference in Brighton yesterday

Last year we were talking about what we would do. This year we're doing it. That ten-point contract with the British people, we are honouring. We said we would get more money into schools and hospitals. We have. £2.2 billion more than Tories planned to spend next year. We said we'd sign the social chapter. We did. We said we'd restore trade unions at GCHQ. On May 19, free and independent trade unions

came back to GCHQ. We said we'd set up a Low Pay Commission. We have, and the statutory national minimum wage is on its way

for the people of Britain. We said we'd legislate to release the money from selling council homes in order to house the homeless. We've done it, the money is being

We said we'd cut class sizes by scrapping the Assisted Places Scheme. The law to do it has been passed. We've given the people of Scotland and Wales the devolution referendums we promised, and they have voted: yes, yes, and yes again.

We said we'd reform the lottery to address the people's priorities. We have, and today more proposals on how we'll reform it further and get more money to more local projects, the length and breadth of Britain, preparing for the millennium.

We said we'd cut VAT on fuel. We have. We never said we'd cut corporation tax. But we did anyway, to the lowest level it's ever been. And we have brought Britain's top business brains right into the heart of government.

And we said we'd force the water companies to give a better deal to their customers. A few hours of quiet diplomacy by Mr John Prescott did the necessary, and the companies did the business. Well done,

We owed a debt to the



Tony Blair making his first major address to Labour members since the election

people of Dunblane. We said MPs would vote to ban handguns. MPs have had that vote. The people have spoken. Parliament has spoken. Handguns are banned. We have honoured our debt.

We said we'd ban the evil of landmines. They're banned in Britain and we'll keep working until they are banned the

Of all we have done, ask me what has taken the most time. the most effort, it's probably Northern Ireland, There is no tougher job in government than Northern Ireland Secretary, and there is no better person to do it than Mo Mowlam. The effort has been worth it. The ceasefire has

Republicans and Unionists are talking for the first time since 1921. There is a long, long way to go. Every step is fragile. But in the name of humanity, I ask that ancient emnities be put aside.

Talking is no treachery. Agreeing is no betrayal. The real betrayal would be to let violence take the place of democracy in Northern Ireland again.

But I want to do more than keep our promises. I sense the British people demand more of us, too. People ask me the highlight of the election. Mine was driving from home to Buckingham Palace, along streets we had driven hundreds of times, past soulless buildings and sullen faces on their way to work. This drive was so different. As we turned into Gower Street, people watching our journey on TV came pouring out of the doorways, waving and shouting and clapping, with an energy and excitement that went beyond anything I imagined would happen.

They were liberated. Theirs were the smiles of tolerant, broadminded, outward-looking, compassionate people and suddenly they learnt that they were in the majority after all. As one woman put it to me: "We've got our Government back." And with them I could sense confidence returning to the British people, compassion to the British soul, unity to the British nation, and that all three would give us new-found strength.

You see, the people were yearning for change in their country, at a time when they could see we had had the guts to modernise our party. The two came together.

The result is a quiet revolution now taking place. Led by the real moderniser: not me, the British people. They were the ones who had the guts to do it. And I say the size of our victory puts a special responsibility on us. To be a Government of high ideals and hard choices. Not popular for one time. Not just a better Government than the Tories but one of the great, radical, reforming governments of our history.

The British don't fear change. We are one of the innovative peoples. From the Magna Carta to the first Parliament to the industrial revolution to an empire that covered the world. Most place to be. And it can be much more, if we face the challenge of a world around us today that has its finger on the fastforward button; where every part of the picture of our life is changing, changing

So today I say to the British people: the chains of mediocrity have broken, the tired days are behind us, we are free to excel once more. We are free to build that model 21st-century nation, to become that beacon to the world.

Creative. Compassionate. Confident of our place in the people say, "Sorry, that's too ambitious. Sorry, it can't be done." I say: this is not a sorry country, we are not a sorry people. It can be done: if you have the will, the courage and

determination to do it. And every part of our schools system, every part, must be modernised to achieve it. Nearly 40 per cent

**6** The size of our victory puts a special responsibility on us. To be a Government of high ideals and hard choices, remembered for all time. One of the great, radical, reforming governments ?

of the great inventions of modern times with Britain stamped on them: the telephone: the television; the computer: penicillin; the hovercraft: radar.

Change is in the blood and bones of the British. We are by our nature and tradition innovators, adventurers, pioneers. As our great poet of renewal and recovery, John Milton, put it, we are "a nation not slow or dull, but of quick, ingenious and piercing spirit, acute to invent, subtle and sinewy to discourse, not beneath the reach of any point that human capacity can soar.

Even today, in Britain we lead the world, in design, pharmaceuticals, financial services, telécommunications. We have the world's first language, English, Britain to-day is an exciting, inspiring of 11-year-olds can't read, write or add up properly. Fortysecond in the world education league. This is the scandalous legacy. But it's not just the Tories' fault, but of a country too often content to educate the elite and ignore education for

Education, education, education. Remember? In just five months, we made a remarkable beginning, under the brilliant leadership of David Blunkett. But today I can tell you we are hoping to do more. Equipping our schools. We are publishing today details of agreements involving govern-

mt and the private sector. for the biggest public/private partnership in any education system, anywhere in the world, which will mean by 2002 every one of the 32,000 schools in Britain will have modern computers, the educa-

to as low as El per pupil per

And we are changing the amount of money we are going to put in the school repairs programme. We are setting a new target of 12 bil-lion for this Parliament for our school repairs and equipment programme. A list of the first 2,300 schools to benefit is being published today. The money is being allocated to-day. One of the head teachers is here with us. By the year 2002 up to 10,000 schools will benefit from that programme.

We are launching the big-gest assault on poor literacy and numeracy standards this country has seen. We are going to set ourselves a target of 80 per cent up to the standard in literacy, 75 per cent for numeracy by the year 2002, and we'll keep on until every 11-year-old in every school in every part of Britain gets the start in life they

Nursery vouchers have gone and instead we'll get nursery places for all fouryear-olds and we're on the way to places for all threeyear-olds as well. But here are the hard

choices. The money will be modernise the system. No failure. No muddling through. No second-best.

High standards. The pursuit of excellence. Discipline and leadership. Support from home. Not for some children in some schools. But for all children in all schools. Each school that needs it, and every education authority, will be set targets for improvement. Failing schools and LEAs will be taken over. Teacher training will be reformed. Head teachers will have a proper qualifi-

cation. Poor teachers will go. Now people say my job's pressurised. So is teaching. And don't let anybody think that we are tough on bad teaching because we don't value teachers. We are tough on had teachers precisely because we do value good teachers, who need high-quality teachers working alongside

nd parents have to play their part. There \_\_\_contracts for all pupils. Sign them. There will be new measures to tackle truancy and disruptive children, new homework requirements. Support them. And when a school disciplines a child, why not back the teacher? The high ideal of the best schools in the world. Reached through hard

Universities in Britain have had their funding cut by 40 per cent per student under the Tories. The science and research base of this nation once the envy of the world under threat. The Tories even Only 30 per cent of youngsters in Britain can be admitted to go to university. Fewer, not ust than France or the USA. but fewer than South Korea.

There's a hard choice: stay as we are and decline, or modernise and win. Under our proposals, no parent will have to pay more. Low-income families will be entirely exempt from tuition fees. All students will repay only as they can afford to.

And if we reform, I am oing to pledge to you, that by the end of this Parliament, we will have put resources saved through reform into frontline provision in universities and further education; but first £165 million is already in next year's budgets. And we will lift the cap on student numbers and set a target for an extra further education by the year

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TONY BLAIR began the first draft of his conference speech by the swimming pool of his holiday villa in Tuscany two months ago. Yet when he had arrived there, the Prime Minister declared that all he wanted to do was relax and play tennis.

Along with the tennis racquet and swimming trunks in his suitease was a sheaf of papers from the Downing Street Policy Unit. They contained ideas for the first speech by a Prime Minister to a Labour conference for

two decades. Mr Blair sketched out his own ideas and continued



Mr Blair in Tuscany: he wrote his speech by pool

to work on them on the next leg of his holiday in France. By the time he returned he had mapped out the entire structure and coined the opening phrase:

He also invented the "Giving Age". A flurry of meetings was held with advisers. David Blunkett and his education team were heavily involved. The policy unit, led by David Miliband and

Mr Blair wrote thousands of words by hand with sheets of paper strewn over the floor. Only three weeks ago, determined to avoid a triumphalist, coronationstyle oration, he ripped up a proposed and rousing The first draft was two hours long. Mr Miliband and Mr Hyman cut it by half. By the weekend they were nearly there. Each section was shown to the policy unit for comments as Mr Blair rehearsed in his

Continued from facing page choices of all: we gave the Bank of England the right to decide interest rates and take the politics out of mortgages. And, yes, in the short term it's tough. That's what it's about.

Interest rates have gone up. But I say to people, better to go up now, still only by I per cent, than to go back to the days of the last Tory Government when mortgages were at 15 per cent for a year, one million homes in negative equity, a whole swath of British industry wiped out.

We are cutting the Tory deficit, too. We are sorting out the public finances. Borrow only for investment. Hold debt down. Earn before you spend. Don't live on tick. I want this to be the new Labour Government that ended Tory boom and bust for ever.

Twenty years ago, the IMF came to bury us. Now they come to praise us. Yes, new Labour's got new friends everywhere. I want Britain to be a country of enterprise and ambition where small businesses grow, manufacturing and engineering revive, where we learn the lessons of British industrial relations over the past 100 years.

Fairness at work, yes. But flexibility will remain. For business, this will be a Government on your side, not in your way. And I say to both sides of industry, there is no place either today for militant trade unionism or uncaring management. Partnership is the key and that is the only language this new Labour Government will respect.

And we can do it if we face those hard choices. It's pretty simple, the type of country I want. It's a country where our children are proud and happy to grow up in, feeling good not just about themselves, but about the community around

I don't want them living in a country where some of them go to school hungry, unable to learn because their parents can't afford to feed them; where they can see drugs being traded at school gates: where gangs of teenagers hang around street corners, doing nothing but spitting and swearing and abusing

I don't want them brought up in a country where the only way pensioners can get long-term care is by selling their fought to keep that country free are now faced every winter with the struggle for survival, skimping and saving, cold and alone, waiting for death to take them.

And I will not rest until that country is gone, until all our children live in a Britain where no child goes hungry, the young are employed, and the old are cherished and valued to the end of their days.

But let me spell out some facts. After 18 years of Tory Government, of cuts and closures, of declining public services, the country was taxed more than under the last

Labour Government. This country, any country today, will not just easily on paying out more in taxes and etting less. Our new society that we want to create will have the same values as it ever did. Fighting poverty and unemployment. Securing jus-tice and opportunity. It should be a compassionate society. It must be a compassionate

ut it is compassion with a hard edge, ciety cannot be built in the real world on soft choices. It means fundamental reform of our welfare state, of the deal between citizen and society. It means getting money out of social breakdown and into schools and hospitals where we want to see

The new welfare state must encourage work, not dependency. We are giving young people and the long-term unemployed the opportunity. A £3.5 billion investment. We are adding today the option of self-employment as part of the new deal. But I think it right and fair that they have to take one of the options on offer. We want single mothers with school-age children at least to visit a job centre, not just stav at home waiting for the benefit cheque every week until the children are 16.

We need to invest more as a country in savings and pensions. We all know that we all agree with it. But government's role is going to be to organise provision, like new stakeholder pensions, not fund it all through ever higher taxes. And our number one priority is to get help to the poorest pensioners first.

Housing benefit, in some areas, is virtually designed for fraud. It's true, It has to

So we cannot be that beacon to the world in the year 2005 with a welfare state built for the very different world of 1045. Our tax system should



The Prime Minister arriving at the conference hall yesterday. He thanked the party workers for "fashioning the finest political fighting machine our country has known"

reward hard work. In the Eighties, the Tories took down high marginal tax rates for high earners. It is time we did the same for Britain's working

And the same drive for reform applies to the NHS. I'm tired of hearing the NHS described as if it were a relic. It isn't. It was the greatest act of modernisation any Labour overnment has ever done. But my vision is not just to save the NHS, but make it

The money will be there, I promise you that. This year.

offers huge opportunities in the NHS but we haven't yet begun to seize them properly. We will get the money in. But in return, I want reform.

From next April, there will be up to ten specially funded Health Action Zones set up in Britain. Their remit to experiment with new ideas in the way healthcare is delivered, so that patients get a better deal from their health service for the 21st century. The NHS was a beacon to the world in 1948. It will always be safe with us. I want it to be better with us. And we need to bring a

happiness we must change. I give you this pledge. Every area of this Government's policy will be scrutinised to see how it affects family life. Every policy examined, every initiative tested, every avenue ex-How a long, dark

plored to see how we strengthen our families, and you will have a ministerial group to drive it through. We cannot do it all on our own, but I do believe government should play its part.

try and this is a modern crisis.

Nearly 100,000 teenage preg-nancies every year. Elderly parents with whom families

cannot cope. Children grow-

ing up without role models

they can respect and learn

from. More and deeper pover-

ty. More crime. More truancy.

More neglect of educational

opportunities. And above all.

more unhappiness. That un-

And just in case you think we are asking everyone to change but not government itself, we will publish a White Paper in the new year for what we call Simple Government, to cut the bureaucracy of government and improve its service. We are are going to set a target that within five years. one quarter of dealings with government can be done by a member of the public electronically through their television, telephone or computer.

Our politics are being reformed. And when we started on May I with a Government MPs, that was a reform worth

And we will deliver the Scottish parliament and the Welsh assembly after 100 years of trying, and I say to the House of Lords before it is reformed, "Don't try to wreck this legislation: we have the votes of the people, you've got the votes of nobody." Yes, and when the people vote for it, we will have a strategic authority and elected mayor for London

I can announce to you we are going to bring forward a Bill to ban foreign donations to political parties and to compel all parties to make contributions above £5,000 public. And we are going to ask the Nolan committee to look at the wider quest of party funding. At the election, all political parties will at last compete on a level

a bit nervous about what I am doing with the Liberal Democrats. Though not half as nervous as they are. Since this is a day for honesty. I'll tell you: my heroes aren't just Ernie Bevin, Nye Bevan and Attlee. They are also Keynes, Beveridge, Lloyd George, Di-vision among radicals almost 100 years ago resulted in a 20th century dominated by Conservatives. I want the 21st century to be the century of the

We cannot be a beacon to the world unless the talents of all the people shine through. Not one black High Court judge; not one black chief constable or permanent secretary. Not one black army officer above the rank of colonel. Not one Asian, either. Not a record of pride for the British establishment. And not a record of pride for the British Parliament that there are so few black and Asian

I am against positive dis-crimination. But there is no harm in reminding ourselves just how much negative discrimination there is. And just one small but important thing: on taking office, we discovered that the last Government planned to cut from £83 million to £43 million the Home Office Section II budget and make redundant 7.000 teachers and classroom assistants who help children for whom English is a second language. Today, I shall announce to changing for the better. A gotwo rocks upon which the new Europe unless we matter in ahead place. The gates of xenophobia falling down. This Britain is raised to the heights. Lose either one and we come

Again my vision for post-Empire Britain is clear. It is to make this country pivotal, a leader in the world. With the US our friend and ally. Within the Commonwealth. In the United Nations. In Nato. To use the superb reputation of our Armed Forces, not just for defence, but as an instrument of influence in a world of collective security and co-

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nd for Britain to lead in Europe again. Not so that we "don't get left behind". That is weak reason. It is because for four centuries or more, we have been a leading power in Europe. And we have at times been absolutely critical to the survival of, not just Europe, but of the whole world. It is our destiny to lead in Europe. And Europe needs us. For

we have a vision of Europe. We want a people's Europe: free trade, industrial strength, high levels of employment and social justice, a democratic Europe. And against that vision is the bureaucrat's Europe: the Europe of thwarting open trade, unnecessary rules and regulations, the endless committees leading nowhere. But we cannot shape

I know there will be a hard choice to come over a single currency. And our policy, based as it is on the British changed. But in or out, we will be affected by it and must remain able to influence the way that it works.

And elsewhere, too, new respect and influence. In tackling Third World debt. On the environment. Today, in London, the Government's Chief Scientific Adviser is issuing a report on global

scrabbling around for salvation in the ebbing tide of the 20th century. That is why we changed the Labour Party. To make new Britain. It is why we will carry on changing. It is why it was right yesterday to take another

crashing down until we are

just another average nation,

historic step on the road to reform of our party so that never again will a Labour government be torn about by divisions between leadership

**6** I give you this pledge. Every area of this Government's policy will be scrutinised to see how it affects family life. Every policy examined, every initiative tested, to see how we strengthen our families 9

warming which I commissioned on coming into government. Read it and you will see why I am so passionate in my commitment to action, not just in Britain but throughout the world, why we must take that action and get the rest of the world to take that action too.

So much to do. So much to change. So hard to do it. But the vision is as old as humanity. Modernisation is not an end in itself. It is for a purpose. emy of justice, but its ally. Progress and justice are the in Parliament and the party in the country.

And let me tell you this directly. Yes, we are new Labour. Yes, our policies and attitudes have changed. But there are no old Labour or new Labour values. There are Labour values. They are what make us the party of compassion; of social justice; of the struggle against poverty and inequality; of liberty; of basic human solidarity: and the day the day we keep the name of the Labour Party but lose the

ours, you know, is a simple enough vision. But it will require a supreme national effort. It is a task for a whole people, not just a government. Great challenges. But great rewards for all of us if we can rise to them as we can.

nd rise as one nation. Held together by our sh values and by the m strength of our char- 12 acter. We are a giving people. us In the face of crisis or chall- dl enge, we' pull together, fe strengthened by unity. It says nothing about our politics. It speaks volumes about our " character.

You remember how your a parents, like mine, used to say to you: "Just do your best." ki Well, let us do our best. On ma May I, the people entrusted to me with the task of leading w their country into a new .1 century. That was your chall- a enge to me. And proudly, 5 humbly, I accepted it.

Today, I issue a challenge to you. Help us make Britain ic that beacon shining throughout the world. Unite behind our mission to modernise our country for al our people. For 25 there is a place for all the n people in new Britain, and there is a role for all the people in its creation. Believe in us as much as we believe in you.

Give just as much to our country as all of us intend to give. Give your all. Make this

the giving age. By the strength of our common endeavour, we achieve more together than we can alone." On May I, 1997, it wasn't just the Tories who were defeated. Cynicism was defeated. Fear of change was defeated. Fear itself was defeated. Did I not say it would be a battle of hope against fear? On May 1, 1997, fear lost. Hope won. The Giving Age

Now make the good that is in the heart of each of us serve the good of all of us. Give to our country the gift of our energy, our ideas, our hopes. our talents. Use them to build a country each of whose people will say that "I care about Britain because I know that Britain cares about me."

Britain, head and heart, will be unbeatable. That is the Britain I offer you. That is the Britain that together can be

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# night began

By DANFEL McGRORY

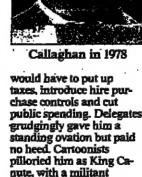
THE last time Labour had a Prime Minister to address its conference. 19 years ago, the comrades were preparing an ambush.

Among those gathered at Blackpool in October 1978 the fashion was for long hair, wide lapels and deriding their leader, James Callaghan. This was the era when union leaders flexed their muscles, and the best that for was to staunch the Government's growing unpopularity. On the eve of the Prime Minister's speech, delegates voted by a margin of more than two to one to reject Mr

Callaghan's 5 per cent wage ceiling and indeed his policy of pay Mr Callaghan had privately let it be known that he would resign if the leftwingers undermined him. In the event, he did not do so, but

comes policy.
In his speech, Mr Callaghan begged the unions to curb wage demands, or else his Chancellor, Denis Healey.

defiantly stuck to his in-



tide engulfing the party. There was to be no general election that autumn, Callaghan had decided. After the "winter of discontent", as striking unions defied the pay norm, he lost to Margaret Thatcher at the polls the following May.

Labour's internecine strife was to intensify before Neil Kinnock began the party's long

Every year. Millions saved from red tape, millions more into breast cancer treatment already under new Labour. The values will remain.

From next April, the two-tier NHS of the Tories will go for good. And I tell you, I will never countenance an NHS that departs from its fundamental principle of healthcare based on need, not wealth.

The hospitals will be built. Fourteen of them, the biggest hospital building programme in the history of the NHS. It will mean an extra £1.3 billion in 14 towns and cities, serving five million people. And as of

today, it is 15. But money is not the only problem with healthcare in Britain. The NHS itself needs modernisation and hard

change to the way we treat each other as citizens of our society. I tell you: a decent society is not based on rights. It is based on duty. Our duty to each other. To all should be given opportunity, from all responsibility demanded. The duty to show respect and

tolerance to others. I make no apology. I back zero tolerance on crime. I back powers to tackle anti-social neighbours: to make parents responsible for their children; to overhaul the youth justice system so that youngsters stop thinking they can commit a crime, get a caution and carry on being a criminal. At every level of the fight against crime

 today acting on serious organised crime - this new Labour Government is taking it on. But to those who say it's choices. We appointed the first

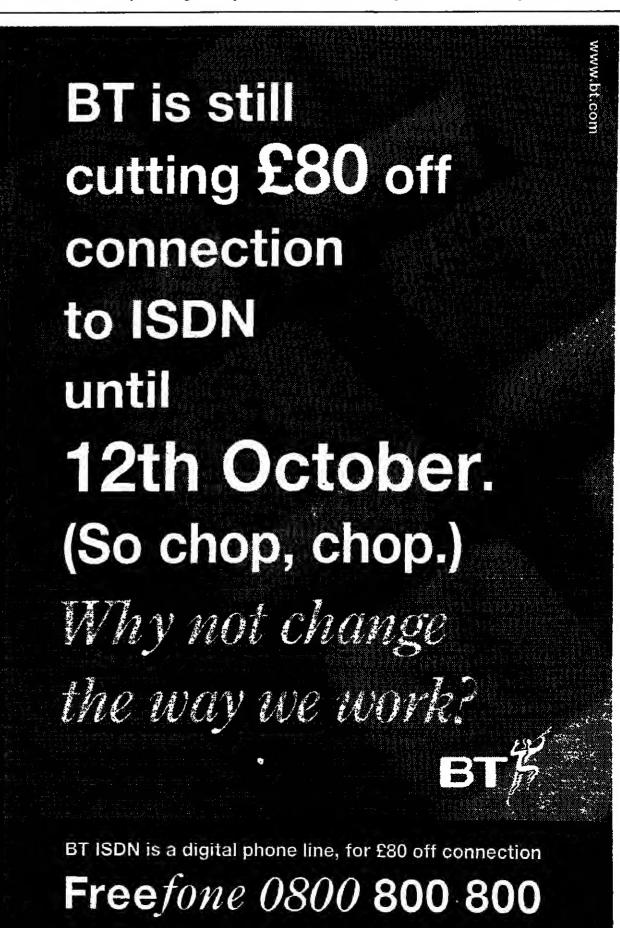
6 We are sorting out the public finances. Borrow only for investment. Hold debt down. Earn before you spend. Don't live on tick. I want this to be the Government that ended Tory boom and bust for ever 9

Minister for Public Health because the health service should not lose millions every year : because of avoidable illnesses like those from smoking. Barriers between GPs. social services and hospitals must be broken down.

Hospitals cannot stand still. Increasingly, general hospitals will provide routine care. supported by specialist centres excellence in treatment. research and education. GPs and nurses will do more of what hospitals used to do, often working on the same site in parmership with chemists, dentists, opticians and physiotherapists. New technology all a threat to our civil liberties, I say the threat to civil liberties is of women afraid to go out, and pensioners afraid to stay in their own homes because of crime. And when we give opportunities to people, we can demand responsibility. And we cannot say we want

a strong and secure society when we ignore its very foundation: family life. This is not about preaching to individuals about their private lives. It is addressing a huge social problem. Attitudes have changed The world has changed. But I am a modern man leading a modern coun-

you that that Tory cut will not stand. I'll tell you why. That money is not a cost, it is an investment: And it's one a civilised nation should make. There's huge interest in Britain now. Because people know that this is a country



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# THE TIMES WEDNESDAY OCTOBER 11997 Sex scenes in television soap operas treble in three years

Parents are worried about children being exposed to violence and bad language, reports Carol Midgley



THE number of sex scenes in television soap operas has trebled in three years. More than one in five scenes in Emmerdale, EastEnders and Coronation Street now has a sexual content.

The increase, which is reported by the Broadcasting Standards Com-mission, comes despite growing concern among parents about the amount of sex, bad language and violence in soap operas shown before the 9pm watershed.

In 1993 sex accounted for less than B per cent of scenes in soap operas, but by 1996 this had risen to 23 per cent. Parents often use the plots of soaps as a vehicle for discussions with their children.

A gay kiss between Tony Hills and his lover, Simon, in BBCi's

EastEnders and an incestuous scene between Nat Simpson and his sister, Georgia, in Channel 4's Brookside last year caused a large number of complaints. The Independent Television Commission ordered Channel 4 to broadcast its adjudication about Brookside.

Emmerdale, which five years ago was more concerned with fatstock prices than sex. now has lesbian overs and extramarital affairs. ..

The findings, based on a sample of 1,026 viewers last year, also found that swearing was now prevalent in four out of every ten programmes on British television. Sixty-four per cent of adults believed there was too much violence, 55 per cent believed there was too much swearing and 41 per cent that there was too much

sex. Programmes such as The Bill; Silent Witness and Thief Takers. and films such as Reservoir Dogs. cuntained unacceptable levels of violence, the survey found.

It suggested that viewers had

become more sensitive to violence since the Dunblane massacre: 64
per cent of those polled in 1996 said
the one issue causing them most
concern was television violence, compared with 55 per cent in 1995.

The commission also reported a growth in violence broadcast before the watershed, with significant inci-dents from 7pm on. "It is clear that, while the viewing public believes broadcasters act responsibly in most matters, there is some concern about perceived levels of violence on television." Lady Howe of Next year the commission will

publish a revised code on standards of taste and decency. The monitoring report, together with the other research undertaken by the commission, will be an important source of material."

The commission's findings are strongly at odds with BBC figures on violence. The corporation said that a recent survey which it had carried out showed there was very little violence on BBC television. "Most of the violence registered in the report is either sport, 'action' movie violence or cartoons," it said.

A BBC spokesman said that the corporation continually took account of audience sensitivities

through research and monitoring There is general acceptance that the 9pm watershed — in which we share responsibility with parents — works well."

He added that the corporation was committed to undertaking fur-ther research with other broadcasters into public attitudes. An ITV spokeswoman said: "There appears to be a discrepancy between the report and the one we are undertak-ing. Initial indications are that only i4 per cent of people consider violence to be a major concern." Channel 4 and the Independent

Television Commission have not assessed the BSC's report findings yet and were not able to comment.

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# Lesbian couple win equal rights to company perks

EQUAL employment rights for homosexuals are likely to be enshrined in European law after the European Court of Justice issued an interim finding yesterday in favour of a British woman whose lesbian partner was denied free travel perks by her rail employer.

In a case that tested lesbian rights on a European level, the court's advocate-general ruled that Lisa Grant, an employee of South West Trains, was the victim of sexual discrimination because Jill Percey, her partner of five years, was refused £1,000-a-year travel benefits. The company gives the benefit to spouses or unmarried partners of the opposite sex.

A full court decision is expected at the end of the year. In 35 per cent of cases, the judges follow the advocategeneral's finding.

Gay organisations hailed the court opinion as a big step towards banning discrimination against homosexuals. "This is an historic day for lesbian and gay rights, not just in this country, but in the whole of the European Union," said Stonewall, an Gay groups have Luxembourg to argue that the welcomed a

landmark ruling in the European

court, Charles

**Bremner** reports paigns for homosexual rights

and helped to take Ms Grant's case to the court. If the court upholds the initial opinion, companies across Europe will be forced to review their rules on benefits, including pensions and healthcare. The court finding was a

victory, too, for Cherie Booth, QC, the Prime Minister's wife, who pleaded Ms Grant's case before the 15 judges last July. in a passoinate speech, she argued that the right to human intimacy is a basic human right and, I would suggest, a fundamental hu-

man need". The opinion was an embarrassment for the Government.

case should not be made the basis for "stretching" European Union law to guarantee equal treatment of homosex-

British officials said yesterday that the Government "deplores unfair discrimination and welcomes the fact that many employers include sexual orientation in their equal opportunity policies", but it did not feel that the Treaty of Rome's article 119, the law used by Ms Grant covered sexual orientation. The article commits EU states to ensuring that "men and women receive equal pay for equal work".

Michael Elmer, the advocate-general, accepted Ms Booth's argument that the case amounted to simple sexual discrimination under article 119 because, if Ms Grant had been a man living with a woman, his effective pay would have been higher because he would have benefitted from the travel perk.

question depends upon the gender of the employee, in as much as employees must be of the opposite sex to their co-



Jill Percey and Lisa Grant yesterday after their European court victory against South West Trains

said. "Gender is thus, objectively, the factor that leads to discrimination relating to pay against a particular group of employees."

The court official set out a robust argument urging the court to ensure that homosexuals enjoyed equal treatment under the law with heterosexuals. "It is the rule of law in the The grant of the benefit in community that the court must safeguard; it is not its task to watch over questions of morality.

opinion added: "There was nothing in the EU's treaties to indicate that the right not to be discriminated against on the basis of gender should not apply to homosexuals, to the handicapped, to persons of a particular ethnic origin or to persons holding particular re-

Ms Percey, speaking on behalf of Ms Grant, said vesterday: "We have changed the law for 35 million people, which is unbelievable. We

ligious views."

campaign, but well worth it." Ms Percey, 38, who works as a nurse in Winchester, thanked Ms Booth for her work.

OutRage!, the gay rights pressure group, noted that most British employers already operated "gender-neutral" policies on perks, but a final ruling in Ms Grant's favour would force them all to fall into line. Such a decision would create new jurispru-

dence.

law, it has been a hard tion of traditional family values, said the ruling "does violence to the wording of the Equal Treatment Directive and to the sensibilities of the

British people".

After a final decision, the case will go back to to the Southampton industrial tribunal which had sought the European ruling. If the European judges back her case. Ms Grant, 30, who works as a telephone information operator for the railway, can expect

### Homework club for gay pupils criticised

TEACHERS' unions yesterday criticised the imminent launch of a homework club for gay pupils as young as 14 in the Manchester area.

The scheme will encourage homosexual teenagers from 14 to 20 to study together on weekends at the Manchester Gay Centre. Its organisers say they aim to provide a supportive environment for young gay students after comple from some that their work is suffering because of classroom prejudice towards their bomosexuality.

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Youth workers are also expected to introduce discussions on sexual health education, homosexual and bisexual culture, and ways of coping with homophobia. The project is being set up by Peer Support Group, which is backed by the National Youth

However, teachers and headmasters' unions said it was wrong to drag sexuality into the classroom. Nigel de Gruchy, general secretary of the National Association of Schoolmasters and Union of Women Teachers, said: "This all underlines the need to keep sexuality out of the classroom and out of schools. I do not see what sexuality has to with



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# Friend of murdered nurse points finger at accused Britons

murdered Australian nurse, alleged last night that the British woman accused of her death was

almost certainly guilty. Rosemary Kidman, an Australian who was also a nurse at the Saudi hospital where the killing took place, said Deborah Parry had scratches and bruises on her body after the murder and two clumps of hair were missing from her head.

Ms Kidman said on Australian television that she believed both Parry and Lucille McLauchlan were responsible for Gilford's death. "I feel they were very much guilty, and everybody at the hospital feels that also, over there in Dhahran, and we took a lot to come to that," she told the Channel Seven Witness programme. Both the British nurses insist that they are

Ms Kidman said Parry had fallen out with Gilford, 38, six weeks earlier. On the night of the murder, Ms Kidman, who shared a cat with Parry and a key to her room, popped in for a chat and to read a letter she had received from a mutual friend. "I didn't stay long

Australian says

Parry became anxious after

killing, reports Roger Maynard

because I knew she had a long day and I thought she must just want to relax," Ms Kidman said. She was apparently the last person to see Parry before the murder.

"I knocked on her door and she had already changed into her nightie and dressing gown at that stage, and I just read the letter from my friend to her, and quickly there was a discussion and I went home. She was calm and I really couldn't have picked anything at that stage," Ms Kidman added. After news of Gilford's violent

death spread around the hospital. she said that Parry was very erratic. She did not want to work

around, Ms Kidman claimed. Asked about their confessions

Ms Kidman said she could not understand that. "In Saudi Arabia, if you didn't do it, no matter what was dangled in front of you, you don't ever confess to anything.

Debbie had asked me during that week, What do I do if they question me? I said, 'Debbie, you are innocent, you be honest, you don'i have to worry Ms Kidman told the programme

that later she had been informed that Parry had a large bruise on her hip and scratches on her hands. The accused British murse ex-plained to friends that she had been scratched by her cat and suffered the bruising during a hiking trip. Mis Kidman said she began seri-

ously to suspect Parry as the woman who killed Gilford when her hairdresser reported that the Briton was missing some hair. "Debbie had two chunks of hair missing out of the top of her head," she said, "Apparently, Debbie made some reasoning that she had tried to cut it, but she was happy.



Rosemary Kidman, speaking exclusively on Australia's Channel Seven Witness programme

Relatives of Deborah Parry claim the post-mortem examination on Gilford revealed some light-coloured hair in her hand, including one strand of 3.5in length. Parry's hair is short and dark, while Mc-

hair. This has brought speculation that a third party may have been involved in Gilford's death.

Asked about claims of a lesbian relationship between Gilford and the two British nurses, Ms Kidman

at straws". She said she had spoken up because most of the women at the King Fahd Hospital did not want the British nurses to get off the hook and go home after a couple of years in jail for "such a

### Computer firm sued over 2000 date 'bug'

IN WHAT could prove to be precedent-setting lawsuit invol ing the "millennium bug", a gri cery store owner in Michigan ha sued a computer company because his cash registers cannot handl transactions that contain refe ences to the year 2000.

The "millennium bug" is software snag that causes compu ers to reject credit cards whic expire in 2000, treating them a having expired in 1900.

According to Mark Yarsikowner of Produce Palace Interna tional in Warren, Michigan, all te of his cash registers break dow when a checkout operator tries t process a credit card with a expiry date in 2000 or beyond. As result, he says, his sales droppe by at least 10 per cent.

He is suing the company which developed his software as well a the one which sold him the systen Although his damages claim is fo only \$150,000 (£90,000), the car could herald a flood of "millenn um bug" actions as 200

### WORLD IN BRIEF

### Baby beheaded in Algerian massacre

Paris: Algerian newspapers reported that more than 60 civilians were killed in further massacres in Algeria and that government troops had killed 40 Muslim rebels. Among ten children reported killed, the newspaper El Watan said, was an eightmonth-old baby whose head was found on the roof of the family home and his body in the kitchen oven. The massacres were blamed on the extremist Armed Islamic Group (GIA). A statement issued in the group's name last week said the killing of civilians was blessed as God's work and should continue.

Lionel Jospin, the French Prime Minister, described the situation as "awful terror and scandalous violence against civilians." News of the killings came only hours before the beginning of a ceasefire called by Islamic Salvation Army rebels at midnight last night. (Reuters)

### Royal wreath for Amritsar

Delhi: The Queen is to visit the Sikhs' holy city of Amritsar this month and lay a wreath at Jalianwala Bagh, the small park where a British general massacred nearly 400 civilians in 1919 (Christopher Thomas writes). This gesture is likely to be welcomed throughout Punjab and could defuse calls for demonstrations demanding an apology. The wreath will be laid at the entrance of the park marking the mas by General Dyer, who returned to Britain in disgrace. Indian commentators have been divided over whether the Queen should apologise, but most mainstream Sikh leaders believe the visit on October 14 should be allowed to pass without trouble. She will be accompanied by the Duke of Edinburgh.

### Botha in illness plea to Tutu



Cape Town: The former South African President, P.W. Botha, left, has refused an order to appear before the Truth and Reconciliation Commission, which is investigating apartheid crimes, saying he is ill. Archbishop Desmond Tutu, who chairs the commission, rejected his request to withdraw the order. The penalty for disobeying is two years' imprisonment or a fine. The commission's leader asked for a full medical report, which was supplied by Mr Botha's doctors (AFP)

### Floods in Spain kill five

Alicante: Five people drowned as floods swept through this Mediterranean city and rain shut down air, road and rail traffic. Among the dead were a mother and seven-month-old baby, and an elderly woman whom rescuers had tried to reach as she clung to a street lamp on one of the city's main avenues, state radio reported. All the victims were swept away by floods that followed three days of heavy rains. News reports said several houses had collapsed and many others had been evacuated. Heavy rains also forced the closure of roads in the provinces of Valencia and Murcia, which border Alicante province. All three provinces are popular tourist destinations. (AP)

### Minister 'in death squad link'

Madrid: The Spanish Supreme Court yesterday charged José Barrionuevo, a former Interior Minister, and II others with being linked to anti-terrorist death squads believed to be responsible for the murder of at least 22 Basque separatists between 1983 and 1987. A judicial source said the court, in closing its investigation, also ruled that Felipe Gonzalez, the former Socialist Prime Minister, Narcis Serra, his deputy, and José Maria Benegas, the Socialist Basque leader, would not be charged. The other defendants are mainly police officials. (AFP)

### Bonino anger over Taleban

Kabul: Emma Bonino, right, the European Commissioner for Humanitarian Aid, ended her three-day visit to Afghanistan and said that she would campaign for increased international pressure on the Taleban. She and 18 others travelling with her were arrested for three hours in the Afghan capital on Monday for filming women in a hospital. "Gross violations of human rights and humanitarian conventions are taking place in the country,\* she said (AFP / Reuters)

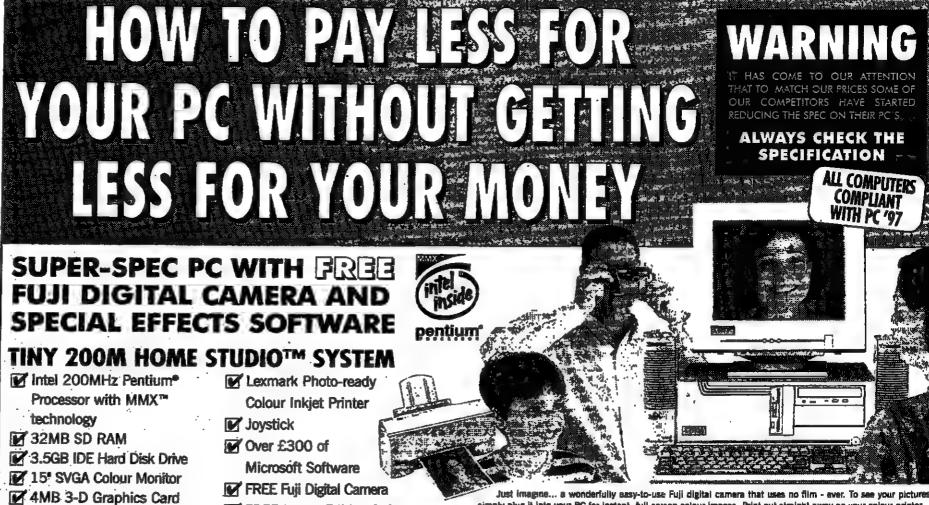


### Artillery duel in Kashmir

Delhi: India exchanged artillery fire with Pakistan, saying "indiscriminate" bombardment from across their ceasefire line in the Himalayas killed at least 15 civilians and wounded more than 30 on the Indian side. We frave retaliated with mortar and field artillery firing after Pakistam roops targeted civilian areas in Kargil," an Indian Army official in Srinagar, summer capital of Jammu and Kashmir state, said. (Reuters)

### The sale of two centuries

Rome: A land dispute in Sicily, unresolved for almost two centuries, is about to be settled by the Court of Cassation. The sale of the land in the province of Agrigento was drawn up on June 15, 1816, but the parties fell out over the price. One of the town councils involved has now demanded that the land be handed back. (Reuters)



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# 'Fake' claims put Briton's rewrite of history on ice

THE publication of a book by the British philosopher David Selbourne, purporting to show that an Italian Jewish merfour years before the celebrated arrival of Marco Polo, has been postponed indefinitely by Little. Brown, the New York publishing house, on the ground that the author's docu-

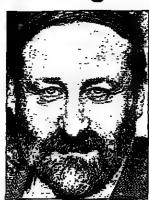
mentary sources may be fake. The book, called The City of Light, was due to be published in New York on November 3. It is based on a manuscript said to be written by one Jacob d'Ancona, which gives a vivid account of travels through China, Syria, the Persian Gulf

According to Mr Selbourne, the original manuscript is in the possession of an elderly Italian Jew who lives near Urbino, who wishes to keep his identity hidden because he fears that his ownership might be questioned in court. He approached Mr Selbourne in 1991 because he "had no trust in disclosing it to an Italian". The New York Times report-

ed yesterday that doubts about authenticity of the d'Ancona account began to surface once the publishers circulated the manuscript to academics for review.

One expert in Chinese history at Yale University. Jonathan Spence, indicated bluntly that he thought the document was a fake and that he intended to say so in a review for The New York Times. That review was to have appeared on October 12, but will not now do so after the decision by Little, Brown to freeze

The d'Ancona manuscript, according to Mr Selbourne's book, describes in detail the Chinese coastal city of Zaitun. There are lively accounts of the city's administration, brigands and ladies of the night. At one point, the d'Ancona



manuscript even claims that the merchant participated in a civic debate on whether Zaitun should put together an army to repel the Mongol hordes who appeared intent on invasion. Dr Spence, however, has scoffed at all this. "The intimate description of male and female private parts would not be common in a journal of that time, especially from a religious man," he said.

He also doubted whether a foreigner who was only visiting the notoriously hermetic have taken part in a debate on assembling an army. Another



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our city's economic and tour-

ism base ... give character to our city ... fabric to a neigh-

bourhood. And she wants to

Mrs Messinger has at-

tempted to hit back. A recent press release accuses the Mayor of distorting her

words and taking them out of

context. "He just keeps lying and lying and lying." the release concludes. Mrs Mess-

inger has also accused Mr

Giuliani of sexism and "gen-der-bashing" and hinted at draft-dodging.

Many observers are sur-

prised, however, by Mr Giu-

liant's aggressiveness. He is widely believed to have sewn

up his re-election, with some

opinion polls giving him a 25-point lead. Mrs Messinger's

campaign so far has been

be Mayor?"

left, has had the publication of his latest book

postponed, writes Tunku Varadarajan

source of doubt was a description of "the incredible noise of a constant number of carriages". Dr Spence pointed out that this was not an area of carriages ... they mostly had sedan chairs and coolies".

Mr Selbourne, however. has come out from his corner fighting. His response has been rasping: Uncreative academics are always distressed when a fellow academic writes something which attracts attention and becomes popular or sells." He described the criticism of

his book and the doubts cast on the authenticity of the d'Ancona manuscript as "the product of destructive spite". Addressing some of Dr Spence's complaints, he said: Jews don't have a puritanical Mr Selbourne has always

courted controversy. A lec-turer at Ruskin College, Oxford, for many years, he is today a guru for the creed of communitarianism".

This philosophy, which counts Tony Blair among its followers, emphasises the bond between citizens and civic order. Mr Selbourne advocates "reciprocal duty", whereby the citizen "fulfils his obligation to himself and his fellows, and society fulfils its obligation to the citizen".



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Auctioneer Alicia Gordon talking to the mystery bidder as the dress is displayed

### Price of Princess's dress soars

FROM TUNKU YARADARAJAN IN NEW YORK

A BLACK velvet evening dress, which once belonged to been resold at a charity auction for \$200,000 (£124,000), a price more than five times

what the seller originally paid. The dress, snapped up by an anonymous telephone bidder, was sold by Barbara Jordan.

who owns a jewellery bou-tique in Boston, Massachusetts. She paid \$36,800 for it at the New York auction in June

of the late Princess's dresses. Designed by Bruce Oldfield. the black velvet dress was worn by the Princess in 1985 at the first night gala performance of Les Misérables. The neckline, which plunges as deeply as a Yemenite dagger. daring décolletages. Ms Jordan said yesterday the buyer, believed to live in Florida, would soon reveal her identity. "You will find out, and you will not be surprised who it is. The person just said, Stay, tuned, it's not over." The purchaser is believed to have plans to hold yet another charity auction.

Longing for love, page 17 huried.

# Sumatra P11(1) Sumatra iet 'mra de l'entre de l'ent jet 'may not have had black boxes'

THE Garuda Indonesia Airbus 300 that crashed last Friday in north Sumatra, killing all 234 people on board, including two Britons, may not have been carrying voice and flight data recorders, i was claimed last night.

A source within the airline said that Garuda has more aircraft than recorders or black boxes, and allowed aircraft on domestic flights to fly without them. "I wouldn't be surprised if the searchers do not find a black box, as Garuda planes do not always

carry them." the source said. Hundreds of soldiers, accompanied by crash investigators from Airbus and the engine manufacturer Pratt & Whitney, have failed to find the black box despite searching every day since the plane came down in a 1,600ft jungle ravine, cartwheeled, slammed into the ground and exploded. Debris was thrown hundreds

The airline source indicated cost might well be a factor in Garuda's lack of black boxes. A spokesman for Aérospat-iale, the makers of the Airbus, said last night it would be "inconceivable" for an airline to fly such a modern aircraft without the black box. No one from Garuda was available for comment.

Hopes faded yesterday that the remains of a British woman killed in the crash would be identified before a second mass burial. The British Embassy in Jakarta believes the remains of Sally Horseman are among 14 bodies still in a mortuary in Medan, north Sumatra. But it is not confident of identifying her before the authorities de cide the bodies mist be

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# Yea, snakes did crawl forth upon their belly, saith Israeli professor

SNAKES were once creeping creatures with tiny legs, researchers at Jerusalem's Hebrew University said yester-day after an examination of fossils dating back 100 million

According to The Jerusa-lem Post, which described the findings as "revolutionary", researchers believe that the snake fossils — found in a quarry at Ein Yabrud near the Palestinian-controlled city of Ramallah 25 years ago
— originated in the sea, rather

than underground,
Should the findings be accepted, they will add scientific backing to the Bible story about Adam and Eve which holds that the snake who tempted Eve to disobey God was punished by being forced to crawl on his belly until the

The findings will be unveiled by Professor Eitan Tchernov at an international palaeontology conference in Chicago next month.

The snakes of Ein Yabrud, claimed as the most complete and best preserved collection of snake fossils in the world, were discovered by the late Professor George Haas of



The Fall of Man by Michelangelo in the Sistine Chapel. Below, the serpent's fate in Genesis iii, 14

14 And the Lord God said unto the serpent, Because thou hast done this, thou art cursed above all cattle, and above every beast of the field; upon thy belly shalt thou go, and dust shalt thou eat all the days of the life.

Hebrew University. He determined that the three fossils were among the most primitive snakes ever encountered. They also showed the devthe snake." said Judy Siegel, an Israeli science journalist. "However. new methods of evolutionary research allowed Tchernov and colleagues to restudy the fossils and reveal characteristics that had previously been ignored."

from an unknown group of lizards that lived under-ground and which — in adapting to their environment "lost" their legs and aquired their coiling snake

But Professor Tchernov argues that the snakes developed from animals that lived in the prehistoric Tethys Ocean which intermittently covered an area that included

closed bay and were not in contact with oxygen, they

Using this as evidence, the Israeli professor claimed that it could now be theorised that their origin was as sea-dwelling litards and not as land

The Israeli findings have already aroused heated debate among scientists, not all of whom are convinced. They disagree on whether the Ein Yabrud snakes represent the direct ancestors of contempotive of one type that did not survive into the modern

Professor Tchernov admits that he is unable to prove that all of today's snakes originated in these sea snakes, and that the question is still open.

The Israeli professor, who is hoping to return soon to the original Ramallah site with American scientists to seek new palaeontological finds. claimed that the matter would become clearer in the next few months when he completes his study of the third and last the Ein Yabrud fossils using modern scanning methods. These will permit a full description of the inside and

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# French Church repents of sin against Jews

ment, the French Roman Catholic Church yesterday of-fered a formal apology for the failure of its bishops to condemn the persecution of Jews during the Nazi occupation.

The repentance was delivered by Bishop Olivier de Berranger on the site of the notorious Drancy rail transit camp on the outskirts of Paris, where most of the 75,000 Jews deported from France were held before being sent on to

Confessing before assembled Jewish leaders that the Church's silence during the deportation had been a sin, Mgr de Berranger said: "We acknowledge that the Church in France failed in its mission as an educator of consciences, and that thus it carries with the Christian people the re-sponsibility of not having helped from the first moments, when protest and protection were possible and necessary, even if later there were innumerable acts of

He went on: "This failing of the French Church and its responsibility towards the Jewish people is part of its history. We confess this sin. We beg God's pardon and ask the Jewish people to hear these

Henri Hajdenberg, presi-

Polanski: self-imposed 20-year exile in Paris

French Catholics have confessed their error in not opposing the dispatch of Jews to Auschwitz in the Vichy period, write Ben Macintyre and Susan Bell in Paris

organisation, described the speech as "a turning point". The timing of the apology was selected for maximum symbolic effect: 57 years after the first anti-jewish laws passed under the collaborationist Vichy regime and the day before the Jewish New Year. It also came just a week before the former Vichy official, Maurice Papon, faces

charges of war crimes in Bordeaux, although the Church insisted there was no intended link with that trial. Mgr de Berranger called the gesture "a purification of

Church to rise near Auschwitz

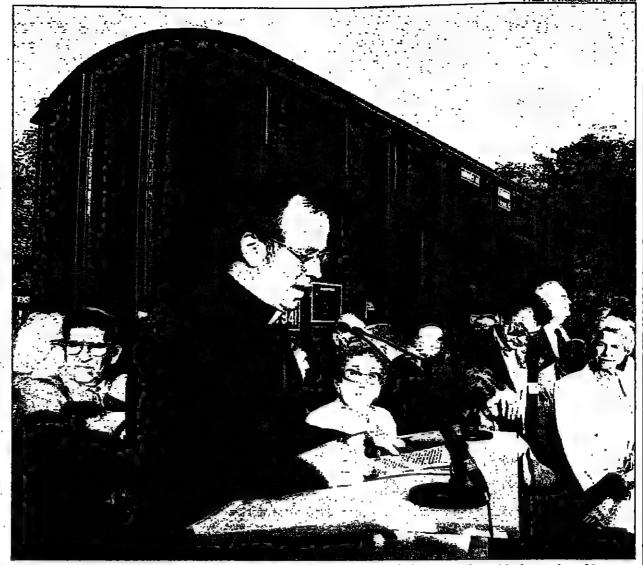
Rome: The dream of Italian Roman Catholic bishops to build a church near Auschwitz to commemorate Holocaust victims will come true this weekend. The church will be consecrated on Sunday when Jews and Catholics will

memory" on the eve of the millennium. Church officials said the apology was intended to highlight the failure of most bishops to condemn anti-Jew-ish discrimination during the Second World War, and the Church's history of denigrating Jews that helped to sow the seeds of anti-Semitism in France.

The ceremony also drew attention to the tradition of silence surrounding France's wartime role that has pre-vailed, among political and religious leaders, for the last

Some priests were active in the Resistance and worked bravely to protect Jews, but the majority of the church leadership followed the official line by supporting the Vichy re-gime and avoiding confrontstion with the Nazi occupiers.

In 1941 the Bishop of Grenoble gave a spring sermon in which he attacked Freemasonry and condemned "that other alien power, no less harmful. of which the Jews offer the most obvious example".



Bishop de Berranger apologising yesterday for the Catholic Church's failure to condemn Nazi targeting of Jews

cois Bedarida said that the official repentance was a sign of "genuine soul-searching" in place of the "specious speeches Intended to justify history" that had characterised the attitude of the Roman Catholic Church in the past.

In the highly charged runthe Papon trial.

rightwingers have attacked the "hand-wringing" of the Church. "I find it scandalous that people are beating their breasts over something that was done 50 years ago," Jean-Marie Le Pen, leader of the extreme-right National Front.

"It is incredible that people

A real

who were not even born when these events took place have now come forward, flying in the face of historical truth, to demand pardon when we know that the Church in France generally had a compassionate attitude towards those suffering persecution,

called on Catholics to acknowledge the moral failings of the wartime era, and during his visit to France in August he observed that "recognising our weaknesses of vesterday is an act of loyalty and courage that helps to strengthen our

### Surge in jobless tally puts pressure on Jospin

BY BEN MACINTYRE

UNEMPLOYMENT surged by nearly 20,000 in France last month, wiping out the improvement of July and increasing pressure on the Socialist-led Government as it prepares for a national conference on

job creation next week. The number of jobless rose to 3.12 million — or 12.5 per cent — despite signs of growth, according to official figures released yesterday.

In a television interview Lionel Jospin, the Prime Minister, said he would push ahead with reducing the working week from 39 hours to 35. But he was cautious on the timing of the move, reflecting a solit within the Cabinet over the project.

Government officials have predicted that a reduction of working hours will eventually create more than a million additional jobs, and some unions have threatened strikes unless the measure is brought in immediately and with no loss of earnings.

Employers, who are due to meet union leaders and government officials at an employment conference on October 10, have said they will boycott the meeting if the Government attempts to impose the measure through legislation rather than con-

### US 'deal' may spare Polanski jail term for under-age sex

FROM GILES WHITTELL IN LOS ANGELES

THE film director Roman Polanski, who fled the United States after having sex with a 13-year-old, could soon return to America under a deal sparing him jail time, according to reports yesterday.

Details of the deal were not known, but "he is expected to walk free after he surrenders on a fugitive warrant", according to Sam Rubin, a KTLA morning news programme. Polanski, the director of Chinatown, Tess and Bitter Moon, confessed in court in 1977 to having illicit intercourse in actor Jack Nicholson's Hollywood home with a girl identified only as Jane Doe.

The crime carried a potential prison term of up to 50 a 42-day "diagnostic study" at California state prison. Polanski fled to Europe on a British Airways flight. He claimed the judge was

about to renege on an agree ment that he serve no more than 90 days.

For the past two decades, Polanski, 63, has lived in selfimposed exile in Paris, making films there but unable to return to America because of an arrest warrent issued by Judge Laurence Rittenband. The warrant remains valid even though the judge has

Two meetings have been held between Polanski's lawyers and the Los Angeles district attorney handling the case. "We've been told by very reliable people that a deal was discussed and the woman now 33 - doesn't mind" if Polanski returns without a jail sentence, Rubin said Lawyers on both sides refused comment yesterday.

Ms "Doe" now lives in

Hawaii with her young family, having had her civil lawsuit against Polanski settled out of court.



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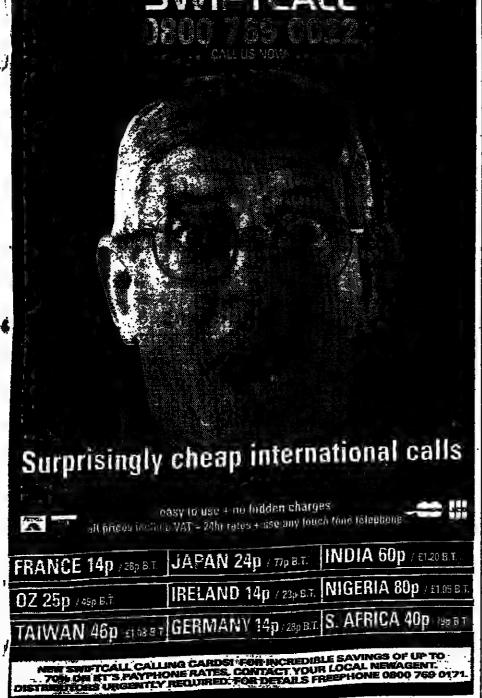
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### When work is a question of age

SISTERS, please give it a break Stop moaning for a minute. No wonder Sue MacGregor doesn't want to air a quite justified dissatis-faction at being paid less than her male colleagues for fear of seeming a "whingeing woman". Some years ago, I was sent, for review, a book about women, death and dying, which seemed to argue that when women died, it was unfair to women, and when men died it was unfair to women. There is a kind of paranoid line taken by those who have taken the decision to be professionally women. which is redolent of the sort of anti-Semitism sniffing that Woody Allen is sending up in Annie Hall when he declares someone anti-Semitic for saying to him "D'you have lunch yet?". "Did you hear that?" says the Woody character. "Jew have lunch yet?" But there's always such a market for the 'snot fair school of women's studies. The latest addition to the genre, the UK edition of When Work Doesn't Work Anymore by Elizabeth Peric McKenna (Simon & Schuster £16.99) is a particularly timely work, coming on the heels of Barbara Barnes's decision to retire from PepsiCo and the corporate whirl to become a "fulltime soccer mom". Briefly, the thesis of When Work Doesn't Work Anymore is that women, who for years found enjoyment, satisfaction, the answers to all their prayers in their jobs, are now finding themselves benimed in or stressed out by them. They want more and they want less: their work doesn't give them enough but it asks too much. McKenna insists that this isn't a book about the conflict between work and family though her unhappiness with

full-time work came shortly after giving birth) and it is certainly true that there is

For one thing, McKenna blames male culture for creating a working environment the demands of family. But perhaps she should also con-

lot to gain from orchestrated

whispering about his louche behaviour. He needs for us all

to be thinking he's having it away with the fair Pfion non-

stop. And that's not just to

quell earlier rumours that he knew the words to all the old

Judy Garland numbers, but

also as proof of his youth and

coolth. A public display of celibacy would not be striking

the right note of muscular virility. A so-called friend put

it about that the happy couple

were saving each other until they married: no wonder the

double-bed strategy has been so swiftly wheeled out.

harpoon barrel and a stern wag of the linger from Smithy. Shark skin can be almost as sharp as razors. When a food bucket was Hotbed of Tory gossip WE ARE being had: we are meant to be falling for the

lowered from the boat, the sharks' behaviour changed dramatically. The ten serene swimmers became a scrum of fins and tails as they fought each other in a feeding frenzy. The bucket dropped to the floor in a billowing cloud of sand as the creatures swooped. We were just yards from the mêlée struggling to see through the sand, when a 4ft shark torpedoed out from the pack, parting Clark Kent's

oceanic superiority. Smithy

tapped his harpoon on his air

tank, encouraging the sharks

to become more curious. Not

only did they move down to

the seabed, they darted over-

head and, occasionally, be-

tween us, their fixed gaze and

downturned mouths suggest-

ing we were not on friendly

And yet, strangely, the clos-

er they swam, the more capti-

vated I became. Their

effortless movements were

mesmerising. I even reached

out to touch a relatively cuddly

three-footer, only to be repri-

hair. No one could offer an explanation, but it was an astonishing reminder of the creatures' lightning speed - and OWIL

> vulnerability. The bucket empnewed their patrol, until Smithy har-pooned a fish, a veilow-tailed snapper just bin long. The sharks reacted

as though electrified. Smithy stuck the spear into the sand as two predators shot over to pounce. In a flurry the attack was over and the little fish was gone. The feeding finished, the stars of the show began to drift off into the deep as enigmatically as they had emerged just 20 minutes

I realised that, during the whole encounter, I had not seen one shark with its mouth open. It all happened so breathlessly fast. And, from the moment I reached the bottom, I had not felt in danger of attack, simply awestruck. Maybe Dr Gruber has a point and sharks are misunderstood after all.

ment of evil," he says in The World of Sharks and Barracudas. "We talk about loan sharks and we call lawyers fact that sharks are one of the oldest, most well-adapted and amazingly beautiful of all

● The World of Sharks and Barra-cudes features in Shark Week on Discovery Channel, running from October 5 to 10. The nuthor travelled with Sport Abroad and was a guest of Stella Maris Hotel, Men, too, are vulnerable to stress and to panic, women are not the only ones who begin to feel disillusioned by work and its demands. A study of my male friends reveals that they long to break free of job and career (or think they do) perhaps even more than my female friends, who on the whole like the escape it provides from domesticity. It is an age thing rather than a sex thing: once people realise they're not immortal they start finding fault with how their hours are devoured.

But there is one vital difference. Men wouldn't say it out loud. This is partly a macho thing, but much more now it is a job-security thing: women are largely seen as far more employable than men; therefore it is safer for a woman to complain than it is for a man. And even if McKenna derides the idea, women do have an "excuse" (if they have children) to give up paid employment and be congratulated for it. But actually, the Barbara Barneses of this world are not giving up work exactly. just giving up going to the office. The world of the nonexecutive directorships is a privilege of position and one chosen by high-ranking women and men whenever possible. It isn't about the rebuttal but the consummation of corporate status.

BUT WE are talking anyway about such a small percentage of the population, though admittedly it is, largely, the book-buying population.
Most people don't have careers: they have jobs, pursued not in the course of selfexpression but to survive. It is a very American confusion. this muddle between the successful course of capitalism and self-fulfilment.

So much of this book defines the anxieties of our age, every page can produce a nod of assent and recognition. If only its author had been confident enough to see that she had the ability describe the world rather than seek definition in special

### A case of **'affluenza'**

WE USED to call it retail therapy: now it's termed a story that there is a real dingdisease and we are all appardong going on over Master Hague's sleeping arrangeently, suffering from it. The symptoms include "a manic ments at the Tory conference compulsion to spend money" next week. Scandal is in the and an addiction to shopping. air: rumour has it that he and The name of the illness his flancee are planning to "affluenza" and, please God, share a room; the blue-rinse may I be rich enough to brigade is out in force. ract it soon. Well, William Hague has a

### How to be an Hallan

**HEAVY-DUTY** investigation and long-term surveillance have revealed that there is a thriving business these days in fraudulent Italian passports. I can believe it. As a passionate Italophile, I am pained by having to answer not really" to the question "Are you Italian?" If I could buy citizenship to the land of la Lollo and la bella Sophia, I would go in for dual national-

### **Facing up to the facts**

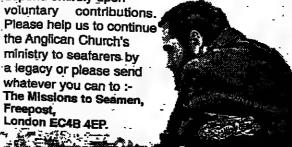
I FEEL I should retract some of the comments I made last week about the uncomeliness of Edwina Currie. I saw her on Bye Bye Blues on Sunday night and suddenly saw that actually, she was quite attractive. It was foolish of me to overlook the celebrated allure of the jolie laide. I'm sorry: no more face fascism.

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Playtime: Dr Samuel Gruber, a marine biologist from Miami University, insists in a new television documentary that sharks are simply misunderstood

# Swimming with sharks David Charter finds himself captivated after a very close

engines and we dropped anchor between two dark shadows of corai. These warm Atlantic waters, off Long Island in the southern Bahamas, are home to the most bountiful marine life anywhere in the world.

But we have not travelled here for tropical fish. This spot, three miles from the place Columbus called "the world's most beautiful island". is Shark Reef. Discovered a little over 20 years ago, the reef seems a natural gathering for the ocean's most feared killers, and provides an encounter with some of the ocean's most feared killers their behaviour at close of the dozen German passen-

quarters. Convention usually has it that when someone cries 'shark!" everyone races from the water. Not here. In the Bahamas, swimming with sharks is the sub-aqua equivawanted to back out.

lent of a freefall parachute jump. There is no cage, no chain mail (in some locations shark divers wear a 35kg suit of armour) and no escape

gers on our boat. A dorsal fin from the diving platform and the flash of steely grey skin sent a chill from my mask to my flippers. I have to admit, I

I was here thanks to the theories of Dr Samuel Gruber, a marine biologist from Miami University, who insists in new documentary, The

stood. "From an analysis of shark attacks, it is very clear that feeding plays a very small role," says Dr Gruber. "In up to 75 per cent of incidents there is no removal of tissue, only laceration, so it is clear that social factors such as territori-

ality play a big part." I was not terribly reassured. I knelt on the deck of the boat, not praying exactly, but obsessively checking my scuba gear. different tale about

voracious man-eating image

suggests. Several of the 300 species are at risk of extinction because of the insatiable demand of the Far East for shark fin soup. A staggering 30 million sharks were caught last year for their meat, hide and jaws - three million for every person they killed. In ing Shark Reef seemed a little

By way of further reassurance, Peter Kuska, co-owner of the Stella Maris Hotel and scuba centre on Long Island, whose divers discovered Shark Reef, says there have been only a few incidents involving tourists. One cameraman enjoyed a remarkable close-up, only to discover teeth marks afterwards in his transparent flippers. Another's camera flash annoyed the subject so much that it bit it off. But the main human victims of the Caribbean Reef Shark are spear fishermen. The predators are attracted by vibrations of injured fish, and

when one fisherman recently refused to let go of his catch, the shark decided to settle the matter by force, taking with it the man's skin from below the elbow,

like a glove. "Where are our shark divers?" calls Smithy, the divemaster in charge of our expedition. sharks do' Smithy is taking down two custom-

ers today — myself and a large German on his honeymoon who looks like Clark Kent. "Put an extra weight on your belt," Smithy instructs us. "We want you to go straight down."

long ago, a ark "bumped" a weight belt slipped leaving her flailing close to the surface. Bumping is a well-documented prelude to biting but, fortunately, an alert dive master hauled her out.

Smithy, armed with a harpoon, hopped into the water. By this time, half a dozen sharks had joined the patrol around the boat. Clark Kent showed no fear as he strode past his new bride into the water. Feeling suddenly quite seasick, I waddled to the end of the boat, purged the remaining air from my inflatable jacket, and tried to slip in with the minimum of fuss. In the confusion of bubbles and cheering Germans, I half lost my mask and, disorientated. dropped 35ft through the water towards Smithy on the

By now, even Clark Kent seemed perturbed by the situation in which we found ourselves. Ten Caribbean Reef Sharks, ranging in length from two to six feet, were cruising between us and the boat. The sleek grey creatures swam leisurely, with the selfassurance that comes from 200 million years of unrivalled

ocean floor.

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"In Western civilisation, we think of sharks as the embodisharks. This is to ignore the

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# Diana's longing for true love

In our final extract from Andrew Morton's Diana: Her True Story - In Her Own Words, he says the Princess's image of sophisticated glamour merely masked her innermost need for someone to cherish her

s divorce negotia-tions picked up pace after the Queen's intervention in December 1995, Diana formed a strong bond with Maggie Rae, her legal adviser. Maggie, a former flatmate of Cherie Blair, is a great friend of the Blairs and, encouraged by Diana, agreed to act as an informal conduit between the Princess and the Opposition leader. Tony Blair instinctively realised that Diana had outstanding potential.

was the face of the youthful new Britain he wanted to build," recalls a Blair aide. But great care had to be exercised in arranging face-to-face contacts as any leak would have been politically embarrassing.

On becoming Prime Minister in May, Mr Blair had the opportuni-ty to employ Diana's obvious talents officially, organising a weekend summit at Chequers, the Prime Minister's country retreat. While Prince William played football with the Blair boys, the Princess and the Prime Minister talked through the details of her informal ambassadorial role. Diana was delighted, remarking later: "I think at last I will have someone who will know how to use me." What impressed the

Prime Minister most was her gift for going to the heart of a difficult issue without unduly raising political hackles. As he said after her death: "She had a tremendous ability to enter into an area that could have been one of controversy and clarify what was the right thing to do. That was an extraordinary attribute and I felt there were all sorts of ways it could have been harness As with her compact with

Mr Blair, her involvement with the landmine issue was a case of the right pitch at the dence, her friend Lord Attenborough, the film director, invited Diana to a charity premiere of his film In Love and War, a moving documentary about the havoc wreaked landmines on civilians, at he same time as the Director-General of the British Red Cross, Michael Whitlam, was visiting Kensington Palace to try to secure a renewed com-

minment to the charity. The film, which focused on the work of the Red Cross, captured Diana's imagination, and she agreed to help to

raise funds in the campaign to plained: "Who would take me rid the world of landmines. She also decided to accompany Red Cross officials and a BBC film crew to publicise the work of the charity in Angola. It was, as Diana would have put it, a "very grown-up"

assignment At a meeting at Kensington Palace before she flew to Africa, the Princess expres her concern that her actions could be seen as political. Lord Attenborough recalled: "She

Diana was ready for romance

possible political pitfalls but

decided to take the risk on the ground that the suffering caused by landmines should

be brought to the public's attention." Inevitably, by

championing the fight to ban

landmines, Diana did raise

political hackles - one junior

minister in the then Conserva-

tive Government dubbed her a

jections of Tory MPs prevent-

ed her from attending a

meeting of the all-party

landmines eradication group

in the House of Commons.

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forced to channel her affections elsewhere. So she was overly protective of her boys in the way of many single mothers, overly familiar with her staff because she was lonely, and unnervingly open with total strangers in her charity work. Her image of sophisti-

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craved the warmth and com-

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so long denied. Locked into a

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most of her adult life, she was

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cated glamour and unapproachable sexuality merely masked her innermost need for a man to-cherish her. Unwanted as a baby, unloved as a wife, she simply desired a man whom she Diana had known was a romantic life of betrayal and disloyalty. She was rejected by Prince Charles; her former bodyguard Barry Mannakee, whom she counted on, was tragically killed; James Gilbey's friendship was viciously exposed in the Squidgygate tapes;

while her lover, Captain James Hewitt; sold his story. Her friendship with former England rugby captain Will Carling ended when his wife, Julia, a television personality, blamed her for the break-up of their marriage, while her relationship with art dealer Oliver Hoare ended abruptly after a police investigation into a series of nuisance telephone calls to his home.

It was only her friendships with Dr Hasnat Khan, a heart surgeon, and property developer Christopher Whalley that seemed to escape unscathed. heartedly into a full-blown love affair was unsurprising.

or in spite of the hurt and betrayal, the Princess retained a romantic vision of her future. "Her head tells her that she would like to be the ambassador to the world, her heart tells her that she would like to be wooed by an adoring billionaire," commented a friend presciently. At the same her husband: "If I fall in love with somebody else, the sparks will fly, and God help us." Uppermost in her mind was her consideration for her sons. Any future suitor had to earn their approval before he could truly win her

Her ruminations about the future. were matched by her brooding on the past. With her take me friends she endlessly discussed whethon? I have er Charles and Camilla Parker so much Bowles would ever find happiness tobaggage' gether or if he would ever have

the courage to give

up the throne for the woman "He won't give her up and I wish him well," she once told a friend. "I would like to say that to his face one day." As the years passed she began to appreciate that Camilla's loyalty and discretion should be rewarded by the Prince's pubhic acknowledgement of their relationship. Yet that mood all too easily turned to reproach or self-paty as she mourned a lost youth and innocence. So

when the Prince made it known that he was to host Camilla's 50th birthday party at Highgrove in July 1997, Diana decided to make herself scarce, accepting a standing invitation from Mohamed Al Faved, the owner of Harrods, to join him, his wife and their four children at his holiday villa in St Tropez. For once Diana seemed

relaxed and carefree, seemingly oblivious to the watching press as she jet-skied or swam



Comforting a woman in Sarajevo in August. The Princess's landmine campaign was a truly "grown-up" assignment

Four days into that fateful holiday, the party was joined by Mr Fayed's eldest son, had first met the Princess ten years before, when he played alongside Prince Charles in a polo match. There was little sign of their later intimacy when he was introduced to Diana. Crew members said he "Ma'am", treating her with

the deference due her station. Outwardly, Dodi Fayed was the archetypal playboy. Yet Diana was able to plumb beneath the shallows of his Charles. Apart from a mutual love of polo, both men had other striking similarities, living as they did in the shadow of strong, dominating fathers. Those who knew Dodi well say that beneath the veneer of

gentlemanly charm and courtesy, qualities Diana admired in Prince Charles, was a man with sadness in his soul. His sensitivity was attributed to the calamities he had deaths of his mother, whom he adored, and of sev-

eral other close relnation of suffering and sensitivity was attractive to Diana, who reacted with an intuitive reflex when she saw pain in

As important as their personal chemistry was Dodi's relationship with the boys. He rented a disco for two nights so that Diana and her children could dance in private, while those who watched him with William and Harry at La Renaissance bistro in St Tropez noticed that they seemed at their ease in his company.

Mohamed Al Fayed encouraged the budding relationship, unashamedly making clear his ambitions for his eldest son and the world's most famous woman. "I did give them my blessing," he said, as the possibility of linking his dynasty to the upper echelons of British society became

All the while Prince Charles's shadow loomed in the background. In a curious

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The making of Tony Blair's conference speech Pages 22-23

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was draining away, so the public with Camilla by friendly balance she had hosting her 50th birthday parreached with Prince Charles, ty seemed to have given Diana together with the new direcpermission to be open about tion and success of her public

inner peace, but was also prepared for the man she so keenly awaited to enter her life she was ready for romance.

"Don't worry, I'm not going animosity towards Camilla was not only starting to find she flew off in a Harrods jet for Mon-Fri. 9am-5pm)

a cruise off the Sardinian coast alone with the new man in her life. For the first time since her separation. Diana no longer felt the need to hide. She told friends that she felt that in Dodi, so warm, affectionate and endlessly attentive, she had at last found a man who appreciated her for herself. and wanted nothing from her but her own happiness.

ven though she had made no decisions about her future, it was clear to her friends that, for the first time in years, Diana was happy, enjoying herself with a man who obviously cared for her. Yet she felt unhappy about the way he lavished presents on her. It doubtless provoked memories of a childhood in which she wanted for nothing materially but everything emotionally, as well as of her relationship with her late father. He had showered her with presents, but she felt he wasn't there when she needed him. She once recalled an occasion in 1991, when he was birthday present. "I don't want that, I want you," she told him.

As whirlwind romances go. the one between Diana and Dodi was a tornado. The couple had spent barely a week alone in each other's company but already Diana's instinctive caution had been overwhelmed by Dodi's obvious affection, his consideration and his sensitivity. With him she didn't feel lonely any more. "Elsa, I adore him. I have never been so happy, the Princess told her friend Lady Elsa Bowker.

She seemed to have it all Humanitarian success on the world stage, contentment and love in her private life. As she lazed on the Jonikal, for once the barometer of her heart was set fair. The public sensed that this lonely, vulnerable and rudderless vessel had at last found a safe harbour.

For a few short days she enjoyed that state of grace in a stormy existence. Then the heavens cracked open - and claimed her.

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# A generation disinherited by disorder

Roger Scruton on Fukuyama's

epilogue to the end of history

1rancis Fukuyama is famous for telling us that history has ended. and that a bland, capitalist democracy is now spreading across the globe, abolishing the conflicts and strivings for which "history" was the name. Nonsense, of course, but spelt out in cheerful and cultivated accents, to the great amuse-ment of the crowd. Fukuyama went on to argue that capitalist democracy is not, after all, selfsustaining, and depends upon relations of trust that it does not generate. This is fur more to the point, as anyone knows who has witnessed the catastrophe of post-communist

Fukuyama now goes fur-ther, and prophesies in his latest book, The End of Order, not the end of history, but the end of order. He offers statistics, graphs, and sociological theories, all tending to the same conclusion, which is that the process whereby moral values, self-sacrifice and social order have been passed on from generation to generation has been disrupted. The Great Disruption occurred, Fukuyama claims, around 1967. Since then, the institutions with which our society has

maintained itself in being have been rapidly crumbling, and nothing has come to replace them.

The most important of these institutions is marriage. Easy and frequent institutions divorce, a growing irresponsibility tocrumbling wards children, sex-

of women into the workforce that few people have been able on equal terms with men, a welfare system bent on favouring the single mother against the housewife — all these have undermined the habit of marital loyalty. But as to which is cause and which effect, the experts remain divided.

First among the causes. according to Fukuyama, is the contraceptive bill, and the unprecedented sexual freedom that it bestowed. All at once the sacrifice required by marriage ceased to be the price paid for sexual fulfilment. And when the State stepped in, to become the only reliable father to the new generation of babies, marriage was no longer the least costly way of fulfilling the maternal urge.

The evidence overwhelmingly confirms that children raised out of wedlock are more disposed to crime, drug abuse, educational failure and general delinquency than those with a superintending father. The process feeds on itself, with results that are now familiar to us, and which the Home Secretary is bravely and hopelessly trying to remedy.

Young people are emerging who are incapable of passing on to their offspring the accumulation of "social capital", as Fukuyama calls it, simply because they do not possess it. They were never taught to restrain their sexual impulses. and regard marital fidelity as an unacceptable cost. Faced with the choice between staying with their partner for the children's sake, and leaving for their own sake, they take the second option. Being raised in an atmosphere of mutual distrust, they never

acquire the virtues that make people trustworthy. Responsi-bility, self-sacrifice and duty are alien to them, and law has no real influence over their conduct. They tend to be unemployed, largely because they are unemployable, And when down on their luck they blame the system and loudly call for their "rights". The odd thing is that it is

only now, at the eleventh hour, that the self-appointed experts are prepared to say the obvious, and liberal politicians are prepared to listen. The point was far better made by Burke, who argued that society is not a "social contract" among the between the dead, the living and the unborn, and endures only so long as people recognise that they are trustees and not owners of their moral, legal, spiritual and material inheritance. The evil that Burke saw in the idea of "the rights of man" was just this: that it encouraged people to to seize what they could of the Earth's resources, without respect for their inheritance, and without preparing themselves to pass it on. The enemy was (and remains) the kind of unbridled democracy that sees

life as a universal scramble for a fair The Great share of the goods. Burke was not a Disruption of 1967 left

Throughout the modern age the Roman Catholic Church has preached a social doctrine whose truth is so blindingly obvious

to look it in the face. Contraception, abortion, divorce and sexual promiscuity are not, as liberals would have us believe, separate defences against "the tyranny of custom" (as Mill called it). They are interconnected parts of a single disruptive goal - which is to exclude

ut what was so special about 1967? Surely D Fukuyama's reference to the contraceptive pill is far too glib. Is it not more significant that 1967 was the year the first generation of television kids entered adulthood? For TV has killed conversation and the art of storytelling surely one of the principal ways in which moral attitudes are conveyed from one generation to the next. It has inexorably lowered the moral expectations of its viewers, since every TV image legitimises, even when purporting to condemn what it shows, simply by showing the possibility. TV has also neutralised active participation in social life, and replaced

lation in which no moral exertion is required. Fukuyama is short on responses to the problem - and who can blame him? But one obvious remedy remains, which is to cease describing social changes as though they were inevitable, and to steel ourselves to condemn them.

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Francis Fukuyama's The End of Order is published by the Social Market Foundation.



With his ringing call for national modernisation, Tony Blair is emerging as the political heir Baroness Thatcher never had

# To Thatcher, a son

ony Blair in Brighton yesterday gave the best speech Baroness Thatcher never made. Gone was the waffle of Opposition. Control of audience and occasion was complete. So. too, was the deference paid to the -ism that still hovers over British politics, the -ism that dare not speak its name.

Mr Blair is emerging as the political son Margaret Thatcher never had. He is repackaging and relaunching the great enterprise. Yesterday's speech, stripped of its clutter, was a call to a second crusade, a continuation of the modernisation of Britain begun in the 1980s and as yet unfinished. Mr Blair announced another era of "hard choices". Nobody, not the unions, not the workshy, not students, not Europe, certainly not the Labour Party, can be allowed to stand in its way. New Labour was an election-winning gim-mick. New Labour is really New Thatcher. There is not, and never

The question asked of the country by Mr Blair last May was simple. Would it like him to do to Britain what he had done to the Labour Party? He had brushed away its cobwebs and installed clear and sensible lines of accountability. The public's reply was (I say it again) halfhearted. The crazy arithmetic of the House of Commons should blind nobody to the fact that Labour's popular vote, true indicator of public feeling, was little different from John Major's in 1992. (It was the Tory vote that collapsed.) Mr Blair is not, as he claimed yesterday, a majoritarian Prime Minister. His much-lauded mandate rests on less than 50 per cent electoral support.

The more reason, he might have argued, for playing safe. After 18 years in Opposition, the Labour Cabinet could well have rested. Mr Blair's ministers could jog round the field, get used to their boots and learn the name of the coach. In Opposition, his interest in policy seemed limited. His speeches were so empty as to make even Paddy Ashdown's a model of precision. Asked to tell of socialism's "language of priorities", Mr Blair replied that those in Kenneth Clarke's last Budget seemed good enough for him. The electorate was offered a pig in a poke. Having bought the poke, it could have been told by Mr Blair that the pig would stay hidden for a year or two.

Yesterday there was no such complacency. The Government made two

Blair is relaunching the Tories' unfinished crusade for hard choices

early decisions of great significance. The first was to note and avoid the initial mistakes made by the most recent "revolutionary" administrations, those of Harold Wilson in 1964 and Margaret Thatcher in 1979. The last period of Labour rule ended with James Callaghan pathetically lecturing his party that governments could not get out of trouble by cutting taxes and increasing spending. "I tell you in all candour that this option no longer exists," he cried. He was right, but too late.

Mrs Thatcher preached the same message, yet promptly ignored it. In 1979 she cut taxes

. increased and spending, buying off her old allies police, the Armed Forces and even the civil servants. Public spending soared and the Thatcher

Cabinet tore itself apart for half a decade, struggling to bring expendi-

ture under control. Mr Blair's decision to stick within the Tory spending targets was far more than a device of convenient discipline. He made it seem unavoidable, and then named his closest colleague and potential rival, Gordon Brown, as custodian of this (Tory) discipline. By crudely freezing spending the Cabinet saved itself a year of internecine strife. But the Chancellor must soon join battle over the next public spending review, with loyalty to the targets wearing thin. He, rather than Mr Blair, must then be

their defender. Mr Brown's speech on Monday was extraordinary, not just for his merciless teasing of spending colleagues. He went back over the painful lessons of the 1970s. He told the party that "irresponsible" pay demands were out of the question. You cannot build a new Jerusalem on a mountain of debt," he said. Mr Brown has bought lock, stock and barrel the old monetarist theorem. that central bankers cause inflation and unions cause unemployment. For the first time in memory a Chancellor has pinned not one but both these maxims firmly on their

subjects. If Labour wants full employment, he chided his audience, only the unions stand in the way. This is 18-certificate politics.

Mr Blair, i noted, did not mention Mr Brown yesterday, despite accolades to John Prescott, Mo Mowlem and David Blunkett. A shrewd leader always distances himself from his Chancellor. If Mr Blair is to be President, someone else has to be skinflint Prime Minister. Someone has to smash hopes, shred morale, spill blood and hack compromise. Mr Blair may preach neo-Thatcherism. He may sell the "hard choices"

crusade like a New ge religion. But he Brown is the one in the corridors what Mr Blair preaches in the pulpit. And if the crusade founders ... dear Gordon, a nice

man, such a pity. So far, so Machiavellian, But what was also clear yesterday is that Mr Blair has no intention of putting his Government's reputation for radicalism in hock to the Treasury. The two substantive reforms on which he has embarked, to the constitution and to the welfare state, are now irrevocable. I doubt if anyone in government has an inkling of what it may have unleashed in Scotland or Wales, let alone when elected mayors are the norm in every city in the land. This is not just the reversing of a decade of Tory centralism. Britain is to get a dose of constitutional innovation that could mean widespread political opposition to any government in London. For a new administration,

this shows confidence and courage. More courageous must be the decisions soon to emerge from Labour's review of the welfare state... Britain must have pinched itself hearing some of Mr Blair's loaded asides yesterday. He ridiculed housing benefit as "designed for fraud". He dismissed criticism of his plan for students' fees. His phrase, "rights come with responsibilities", is familiar right-wing code. It means workfare in some shape or form. As for the emphasis on teaching stan-

dards, the criticism of hooliganism, the attack on Brussels bureaucracy. this was vintage Thatcher. I was joited from my seat when Mr Blair suddenly began talking about "Lab-our values". What was the Labour Party doing here? The modernisation of Britain, like Lenin's electrification of the Soviet Union, was surely above

The modernisation crusade has now been firmly allied to "hard choices". Like Lady Thatcher. Mr Blair knows he must win battles that will become harder with each passing month. He too, must confront his Arthur Scarglll and his Orgreave pickets. They may come in the form of battling students, single mothers and the urban unemployed. The prospect for any Labour Government is terrible. Mr Blair will need all the popularity he can muster. President Clinton's overwhelming mandate was of little use when he tried to

tamper with health reform. The present Government has made few errors as yet. There has been arrogance in the handling of MPs. but they can take it. Mr Blair's first Honours List was faintly maiodorous, but who cares? The rubbishing of Clare Short and Frank Field was not nice, but nor is any school of hard knocks. Last Thursday's Treasury leak on the single currency was a disaster. Bigger rumblings can be heard over the horizon, from Europe, from Northern Ireland and from the public sector unions. Who knows what the gods of circumstance may soon visit on those who at present seem to play as happy as Gray's schoolboys. "No sense have they of ills to come/ Nor care beyond

Yet of all this, Mr Blair seems aware. In his speech he allowed himself one wistful remark. He claimed that May I was a defeat not just for Toryism but for cynicism. This was a time for the "enlightened patriot". Britain had a chance to set the world an example of economic and political modernisation - a modernisation, he failed to point out. that began more than a decade ago. But setting examples is painful. They require a Government ready to draw deep on its stock of political consent. Mr Blair has that consent at present, but it will not last. He is impressively conscious of this fragility. He has seen the flood tide in his Government's affairs. We should be encouraged that he wants so urgently to Alan Coren



### A vision of Two Fat Ladies Through The Keyhole

have had a millennial vi-sion. I hope it will be of some vesternight, I suddenly found myself no longer in my bed but sitting on a starlit cloud high above this queendom's great capital; and, gazing down, I saw a vast dome shimmering like a silver Smartie beside as shimmeringly silver a ribbon of river, and all along that river, and all along the thready web of roads spread out around it, I saw a million human dots trudging very slowly towards the dome, from all directions and from as far away as my elevated eyes could see.

More yet, each dot was accompanied by another, some larger than itself, some smaller, which it was pulling, or push-ing. or carrying. And, as I craned to peer more closely, I saw that all this shimmering was generated not only by hundred banks of powerful lights, serving as many television cameras, but also by the effect upon these lights of a hundred plumes of smoke, wafting hither and you across the halogen beams, from a hundred different and — I could just sniff – fragrant fires.

Blimey, I thought, I know what's brought this on. For I had spent the previous day both bedridden with a febrile condition much conducive to antiobiotic visions and, as the result, listlessly channel-hopping all the television that there was; and had thus seen little bits of perhaps 38 different antiques programmes, 47 different animal programmes, 83 different cookery programmes, and get-ting on for 121 celebrity game shows. For that is all there is on television, these days: which means, more or less, that that is what the culture is.

Having diagnosed which, I let my cloud sink lower, in hope my vision might reveal what all these folk were doing on what was, I suddenly twigged. Millennium Night. And saw that New Tony, having by this time made everything The People's Everything. had now made The People's m; and the People were converging on the dome from every cranny of these islands in order to queue up for inclusion on an all-channel television programme called The Antique Animais Cookery Game. What they all were pushing and pulling and carrying. I could now see, were their animals: each of some 50 queues had formed behind tables postered "Dairy Cattle" and "Fancy Mice" and "Talking Birds" and "Prize Newts", and so on, at which famous experts sat, inquiring how long the owners had had this or that beast, how they had come by it. and, most important, whether they had ever given any thought to how much it was worth. Not. of course, for insurance purposes, but as food. Cameras would then track dramatically in on owners staggered to discover that Dobbin, their elderly Shetland, could bring as much as 50 francs a kilo in Belgium. and that - small hinds being so prized an Italian delicacy budgie stuffed with pine kernels might go for over two million lire in Positano, even if it had never uttered a single intelligi-

ny sick animals were, of course, passed on to a A horde of glamorous quizpanels, where chortling celebrities were invited to guess, with wondrous hilarity and innuendo, their ailment, and have their answers judged by a major television vet, who would press a cheery bell if he thought the condition curable by Rolf Harris, and a farty buzzer if he believed the animal should immediately be put down by Anton Rodgers.

This diversion, while both up-

roarious and heartrending, had the further boon of allowing the necessary time for the most valuable healthy animals to be slaughtered, and then, to the finest piped music, cooked competitively by such as Gary Rhodes, Rick Stein, Delia Smith. Sophie Grigson, Keith Floyd, and as many fat ladies as could safely be mustered on the podium, with wines chosen by Oz Clarke, Jilly Goolden, Jancis Robinson, etc., dab hands all at knowing what goes best with tabby au vin and gerbil suprême, and eaten, for a major trophy, by a bevy of soapstars under the incomprehensible stewardship of Loyd Grossman. The vision faded, but the heart stayed high. It will be not merely the most wonderful TV programme there ever was, it will be the truest defining index of our culture, and thus the dome's finest hour, as the century's supreme midnight ushers in the new millennium. Whatever that might mean.

# Absent hero

AS Tony Blair enjoys the crisp air wafting around the Metropole Hotel in Brighton, a cooler wind swirls round his constituency house in Sedgefield. A nasty little dispute has split villagers around Trimdon Colliery over security measures to protect the Prime Minister. A private road is being built leading to a car park for

security agents that will cut across a public park. This has sparked claims that Blair has bypassed the normal planning process. Blair has made the long journey

north only three times since the general election. This, according to friends, is not entirely due to work



pressures; there is fear that Blair's security cannot be guaranteed in the modest little house.

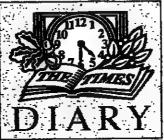
His protection squad, mean-while, is building defences — to block off the front entrance and lay the new road to lead up to an imposing, and impregnable, security gate, complete with car park for the squad.

This has meant cutting a swath through both Blair's garden and the adjoining public playing field. Yet the upheaval has raised barely a murmur on the council. An electoral note: Sedgefield District Council boasts 47 Labour council-

lors and just two Independents.

One such Independent, Donald Fraser, is cross. "There is no debate here," he says. "No one wants to upset Blair, but I always thought it was Labour policy to preserve open places for recreation." Blair, meanwhile, is enjoying weekends at Chequers - far more new Labour.

● AS Peter Mandelson managed to appear so cheerful despite his



conference rebuff. I am sure he will not be upset to hear that even his fellow spin-doctor, Alastair Campwarhorse Dennis Skinner. Not upset at all.

### Silent protest

YOBBISH behaviour at Harrow School has forced the masters there to ban touchline-chanting at rugby matches. The extraordinary decision, which has sparked off a furious debate on free speech and conditioning by the boys, stems from an incident among Harrow supporters at a recent match against Merchant Taylors' School, Northwood. The scandal now threatens to embrace the new manager of the England rugby squad, who also happens to be the rugby

Nicholas Bomford, Headmaster. takes up the story: "It was a colts game at home. We have a number of school chants, some perfectly harmless. Others, however, are more tribal. They are inappropriate for a rugby match."

The ban has prompted a hoohah on the hill. A campaign has been launched, spearheaded from the pages of The Harrovian, the school wsletter. "The ban should be lifted immediately," demands this week's front page. "If Harrow aims to be a civilised intitution [sic], then it seems ridiculous to limit what people can say when standing next

to a rugby pitch."

The debate is taken up on the letters page. "I see no reason why boys should not be allowed to chant and cheer," states one. "If 'the powers that be' are worried about intimidation then we should play schools that can put up with the noise and give us a good run for our money." Ominously, it is signed "Lagerlout".

◆ THE Saudi Ambassador is paying rapt attention to the press treatment of the accused nurses, not least to coverage in The Sport. That journal's typically bracing approach — inciting readers to bombard the embassy with splutterings of outrage - comes with the wrong phone and fax numbers. Truly a



Emily Watson: having a high old time in This Life

### That's life with Emily $\dots$

IT is a dubious tribute, perhaps. But Emily Watson, the award-winning actress, is the inspiration for a character in the next series of This Life, the earthy BBC saga about London flatmates. It is

understood that the newcomers

 IS this taking campaigning for the homosexualist cause a little too far? Ben Bradshaw, the new Labour Member for Exeter, was sighted sweeping into Brighton the other night — wearing, I am sorry to report, nothing below the waist but a pair of draughty pink shorts.

will continue to enjoy impromptu late-night encounters fuelled by unhealthy toxins. This time, how-ever, the show will feature thespians and other bohemian sorts, not

lawyers.

How could so virtuous (and married) an actress bear any resemblance to such characters? The scriptwriter, Mark Ravenshill, was a friend of hers from Bristol University.. He is not short of anecdotes. She's a feisty girl and no one knows her better than Mark," says a friend. Less enthusiastic are Miss Watson's agents: She has just finished filming with Daniel Day Lewis and is far too busy to talk."

JASPER GERARD



# **FUTURE CONDITIONAL**

After the emollient words must come the hard choices

Tony Blair's conference speeches have Government. But the country is still in its always been aimed at an audience far beyond the confines of the auditorium. Until this year, though, they were efforts to persuade the British to vote for him. By yesterday he had won people's votes and was demanding more enlightened patriotism", or active participation in his efforts to modernise the country. In an inclusive oration, the Prime Minister advertised recruits to his "quiet revolution led by the real modernisers - the British people".

Mr Blair's restlessness is all too apparent. Just five months after a famous election victory, the new Prime Minister could have paused for breath and satisfied himself with the adulation. Instead he took advantage of the post-election euphoria to press the dangers of consolidation and the constant need for change. In this respect he resembles his predecessor but one at No 10. Not only were his homilies on finance familiar. He is also, like Margaret Thatcher, an instinctive radical. Both saw it as their mission to cure the British disease. In the 1970s this was low productivity and poor industrial relations. In the 1990s, it is mediocrity, welfare dependence and cynicism.

After five years of poor government, characterised by weak leadership and national humiliation over the ERM, the British had become embarrassed about their collective identity. Without blaming his predecessor, Mr Blair encapsulated the feeling: "Just another average nation, scrabbling around for salvation in the ebbing tide of the 20th century." But the change of Government has given the Prime Minister a chance to harness the latent idealism that burst through after his election victory, and again after the death of Princess Diana.

"We are a giving people," he claimed, and went on in a Kennedyesque flourish: "Givejust as much to our country as we intend to give. Make the good that is in the heart of each of us serve the good of all of us." Such an appeal to altruism would have had little chance of success coming from the last

early throes of infatuation with Mr Blair. This might just work.

Compassion, however, has to have, as the Prime Minister asserted, "a hard edge". And this is where the difficult choices arise. Mr Blair's speech was not just gossamer spun around the warm words of idealism. He talked tough too. The unemployed will have to take the opportunities offered to them. Students will have to pay their way through university. Flexibility in the labour market will remain: he might have added that it will need to increase. Welfare will have to be reformed so that people provide more for themselves, and rely less on the State. In a sentence that could presage a sharp diminution in the insurance cover that Government is prepared to offer the individual, Mr Blair promised "fundamental reform of our welfare state, of the deal between citizen and society". Even the NHS must change. Modernisation will not be costless.

But the critical difference between Mr Blair and Baroness Thatcher lies in their approach to reform. She found it easiest to identify enemies and form a coalition against them. Mr Blair sought out no opponents yesterday, apart from hereditary peers: indeed he insisted that "there is a place for all the people in New Britain, and there is a role for all the people in its creation". His only enemies, in other words, will be faint-hearts, and even they, he thinks, should be ripe for rational persuasion.

At this stage of a Government, the Prime Minister can be excused his optimism. But, apart from student loans, the hard choices have so far only been hinted at. When they are made, there will be opposition, and this most emollient of Prime Ministers will have to pick fights. His enemies will, on the whole, be defending what is hard to defend: hereditary peers' voting rights, middle-class subsidies on higher education, benefits for the workshy. But it is a fair bet that, in two years' time, the normal rules of adversarial

political engagement will be back.

### WHO CARES?

Dobson should concentrate on ends, not means

Peter Mandelson's humbling at the hands of Welfare to Work programme and the chief the membership on Monday suggested that there are limits to how far the party has modernised. Frank Dobson's speech yesterday proved there are limits to how far the Health Secretary rewrote his speech at the last moment to remove the most obvious concession to vindictive egalitarianism, the plastic surgery could not disguise how little has really changed in Labour's approach to the NHS. Mr Dobson could have used this conference to educate his party's activists in the harsh realities of managing scarce resources; instead he squandered political capital by pandering to Labour's old gods.

The speech Mr Dobson delivered bore the mark of the midnight oil. The need for latenight revision underlines the failure of the. Health Secretary to appreciate that he should not be operating a laboratory for ideology but hospitals that deliver care as effectively as possible. A briefing on the eve of his address trumpeted the Health Secretary's plans to remove from NHS trusts those who use private healthcare. When the text was eventually delivered that pledge was amended to a commitment that newly appointed members will have to live locally". Whatever prompted Mr Dobson's mocturnal change of heart, his initial impulse reflected a cast of mind which elevated envy above efficiency.

Membership of NHS trusts should depend on the skills individuals bring to management, not their choice of insurance policy. For a Government which has asked the chairman of the Prudential to oversee its executive of Barclays to overhaul state benefits, to deny businessmen places on NHS trusts because they use Bupa would be not only hypocritical, but self-defeating. It is healthcare and elsewhere, that the NHS can deliver care most effectively.

Mr Dobson's U-turn did not, however, signal a broader acceptance of the need to elevate ends above means when delivering public services. Rigidities in NHS staff structures still impede the effective delivery of care, but instead of serving notice on the vested interests Mr Dobson swaddled them in cotton wool. The Health Secretary reserved his criticism for GP fundholders the men and women within the NHS who have done most to drive up the quality of care for all patients. It has been competition for fundholders' patronage that has forced managers to use resources more wisely and consultants to promote more stringent collective codes of practice. For Mr Dobson to object to an improvement in care for all because some benefit early betrays an attachment not to egalitarian principle, but

prejudice against progress.

The Prime Minister, in his reference to the establishment of ten new "health action zones", demonstrated that he was alive to the need to innovate, experiment and modernise the delivery of healthcare. If, however, the same energy and vision his Government has brought to education is to inform health polky then ministers must learn that they must put patients before structures and that they cannot always be on the side of the angels.

### **BRUM'S THE WORD**

Accent is as useless an indicator of guilt as colour of hair

The Birmingham accent was being bad- And it need not stay there. What mouthed again yesterday. A paper to the British Psychological Society conference reported research in which actors affected standard or Brummie accents to play susspects being interviewed by the police. And those putting on a Brummie accent proved twice as likely to be judged guilty by a "jury" of students as those speaking with standard accents. The same prejudice against the Birmingham sound showed up whether the suspect was accused of white-collar crimes such as cheque fraud or "blue-collar" crimes such as armed robbery of motor accessories.

The hierarchy of prestige among regional accents is a constant wonder. And different occupations are also still credited or mocked for their typical voices. Clergymen, policemen, actors and barmaids are still expected to speak in stock accents. Television has made douce Scots the standard screen accent for doctors and either Yorkshire or educated Australian the pronunciation for vets. A Southern Irish brogue sounds warm recause of the Dublin Liffeya in broadcastng and pop music, whereas any Ulster scrent sounds threatening because of the

'rovince's grim politicians. But this pyramid of prestige is continually hanged, not least by the media of the poken word. For Brom was once the accent of Shakespeare and Dr Johnson, of the steelmasters of the Industrial Revolution and the Chamberlains. So it was not always if the bottom of the English Tower of Babel. received or unreceived his promunciation.

Birmingham needs to give its accent prestige is a pop group such as the Beatles or Oasis, or a new soap opera such as Neighbours.

In any case, the up-to-speed Briton speaks with more than one tongue. In his speech yesterday, the Prime Minister boasted: "I am a modern man leading a modern nation." And as the very model of a modern elocationist he pronounced in the classless patois of Islington. But on the appropriate occasion Tony Blair can also do the Oxford drawl. And in his constituency of Sedgefield. he drops "ayes" and other Northumberland idioms into his speech. Caring Estuaryspeak or upmarket Cockney has spread up more estuaries than the Thames. And it is now being replaced by Mockney or Clapham Common, the accent of black Sarf London.

Accent is a rich source of entertainment. and research papers. Ask a Brummie the difference between a buffalo and a bison. and he will reply that you cannot wash your hands in a buffalo. The persistence of regional accents in this comparatively small and densely populated island is delightful. But the inhabitants of Birmingham should not feel affronted by this latest academic impertinence about the way they speak. In Hollywood a cut-glass upper-crust English accent has become the bray of the villains. Those armed robbers and theque forgers may have been taking elocution lessons. For a crook's a crook for a' that, however

### LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

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### Lords reform and balance of power

From Mr Henry Brougham

Sir. Surely it is time to bring the debates on proportional representation and reform of the House of Lords rather closer together than William Rees-Mogg did in his article yesterday. Take your seats for a House of

Let us use reform of the Lords as an opportunity to introduce proportional representation into Parliament by abolishing both the hereditary principle and nomination, and electing the Lords by PR. The Commons should continue to be elected on the first-pastthe-post system (FPP), as now.

The chief disadvantage of FPP disproportionate majorities allowing governments to ram through ill-conceived and ill-drafted legislation -would be tempered by an elected Lords having greater powers of revision and delay than at present to reflect its democratic legitimacy. The balance of power should remain with the Commons, however, to reflect the fact that members of the Lords Inow what would we call them? "Senators" is rather over-used) would have been voted in as members of party lists instead of as individuals.

I do not believe that restoring to the Lords some of the powers it has lost over the past one hundred years is too radical a measure for a Government which is restoring to Scotland a par-liament which it has not had for two

Yours faithfully, HENRY BROUGHAM, 140 The Moors, Kidlington, Oxford. September 30.

From Mr Tom Kilcourse

Sir, William Rees-Mogg is spot-on with his critique of Labour's plans for the Lords. Replacing hereditary peers with nominees simply increases the power of patronage while doing nothing to democratise our system, and an independent and elected second chamber cannot be achieved through the device of party contests in regional constituencies

The dangers of relationships between the two chambers being determined by the balance of party power in each are self-evident. I suggest that an acceptable way round the problem could be found by basing secondchamber constituencies on established institutions in our society: trade unions, industrial and commercial bodies, religious institutions, political parties, major charities, and so on.

Such a system would offer a certain level of democracy while providing the breadth of expertise and the independence of political party required for a genuine check on the Commons. It would not guarantee that competence will prevail over political cor-rectness, but it would at least place accountability on identifiable shoulders.

Yours faithfully, TOM KILCOURSE, 27 Govers Meadow, Colyton, Devon. September 29.

From the Earl of Lauderdale

Sir, Debate on the case for reform of the House of Lords by suspending the rights of hereditaries tends to ignore the crucial powers of the Upper

As things stand, for instance, the Lords can absolutely veto any attempt by the Commons to amend or suspend the working of the Quinquennial Act, which requires a general election at least every five years.

If the hereditaries are got rid of, the only way to restore the House of Lords to operational viability as a revising chamber would be to name a suffi cient number of life peers. These nominations would need to pass through the hands of the Prime Minister and the replacements might thus be seen as the Prime Minister's yesmen, bound together in the greatest quango yet seen.

Unless these newly nominated life peers, once installed, could be relied on to exercise the independent judgment currently expected of Members of the revising chamber, any hope of the Lords one day exercising their constitutional right to veto amendment of the Quinquennial Act would disappear - and with it, quite possibly, the prospect of another general

Yours etc. LAUDERDALE, House of Lords. September 29.

### Stamp of authority

From Mr D. J. Budd

Sir, Recently I had to send 200 letters from the main post office in Winchester. When I asked for them to be put through the franking machine I was told that the machine could only be used for minimum orders of 500. When I tried to pay for the 200 stamps by plastic I was told that neither charge nor credit cards were acceptable to the Post Office.

Whilst the people's Prime Minister is in Brighton, perhaps he would be good enough to tell us, in addition to modernising easy targets like the monarchy and the constitution, how he intends to modernise the Post

Yours faithfully. D. BUDD. Reaufort Road. Winchester, Hampshire.

Business letters, page 29

### Buses greater health threat than cars from the pressing need to search for the true cause of childhood asthma.

It is surprising therefore that you

suggest a programme to shift from

private cars - which do not cause sig-

nificant particle emission - to buses,

coaches and diesel trains, which do.

Similarly, to propose the bicycle as a

solution ignores the needs of the in-

Any means for transporting people and goods costs energy and the conve-nience and utility of the car is appreci-

ated by all who make it the second

most important capital purchase in their life. They will not give it up

easily. If encouragement were given

for the use of really small efficient cars

in towns, and if lorries, coaches and

large cars were penalised, we would

be more likely to reach an acceptable

and sensible road policy than by the

present fashionable enthusiasm for

presentatives of solicitors' firms) having to queue all night.

the bicycle and the bus.

Yours faithfully, STANLEY FELDMAN

VINCENT MARKS

(University of Surrey),

28 Moore Street, SW3.

September 28.

Yours sincerely

Lindsey House,

September 29.

NICHOLAS BLAKE

(Chair). Immigration Law

Practitioners' Association,

40-42 Charterhouse Street, ECl.

From Ms Julia Onslow-Cole

Sir, The situation at the PEO is indeed

ludicrous. Last week Cameron Mc-

Kenna, the City law firm of which I

am a partner, sent its representative to

make an application on behalf of a

senior executive of a foreign bank in the UK. Despite queueing from 3am

our representative was not there early

enough to be seen, and as a result the

executive was unable to travel to

make the application, as we had to re-

present another client. We therefore

had to instruct the executive's chauf-

feur to queue with our representative.

fair system for businessmen and other

members of the public alike. The cur-

rent system prejudices overseas busi-

nessmen who are bringing jobs and

The Home Office must introduce a

The next day we were unable to

urgent meetings abroad.

investment to the UK.

JULIA ONSLÓW-COLE

Nationality Committee.

Mitre House,

(Chairman, Migration and

International Bar Association).

Cameron McKenna (solicitors),

(Imperial College of Science, Technology and Medicine),

creasing population over 65.

From Professor Emeritus Stanley Feldman and Professor Emeritus Vincent Marks

Sir. As pointed out in your leading article of September 26, "Doctors on the air", traffic pollution is unpleasant, it is smelly, dirty and irritating. However, there is minimal scientific evidence that it causes nausea, asthma, heart disease or that, as you say that the BMA claims, it causes serious

long-term health problems. Certainly, when coal was extensiveburnt and before the Clean Air Acts of the 1950s, one frequently saw patients with identifiable diseases caused by pollution. Since that time. however, we cannot recollect seeing any patient with a disease attributable to exhaust fumes, nor do we believe such a disease has ever been certified as a cause of a single death.

Despite extensive and detailed research, no disease-causing factor has been identified in exhaust gases at their present levels. There is some evidence to suggest that small particulate emission may aggravate existing bronchitis and asthma; but it is almost certainly not responsible for the increase in the incidence of these diseases. To suggest that it is detracts

### **Immigration queues**

From Mr Nicholas Blake, QC

Sir, The Home Office Minister's response (letter, September 25) to your recent report on queues outside the Immigration Directorate's Public Enquiry Office (PEO) is wrong in significant respects.

It is unlikely that representatives queueing through the night to visit the Public Enquiry Office are presenting block applications for different clients as the minister states, since that practice was stopped by the Home Office

Further, the problems arise because of the 1,000 applications dealt with every day only a small number (up to 25 per day) are permitted to be made by representatives at all: hence the unseemly scramble for the opportunity to present a case.

The "fast track" postal alternative to personal inquiry is simply not sufficiently speedy or efficient to meet the needs of those who have to travel at short notice. Nor are all agents invited to present six applications on designated days as the minister implies: a trial scheme has been introduced which is limited to a small number of representatives (currently about

Immigration practitioners recognise the financial constraints on the Home Office, but are anxious to see a fair distribution of resources for all representatives, avoiding the health and safety risks presently occasioned by agents (whether couriers or other re-

Northern Ireland talks

Sir, There seems to be something

about offshore islands that leads to

internecine strife. What is happening

in the six counties of Northern Ireland

now seems to be following the Sicilian

pattern, with the so-called nationalists developing the characteristics of a

Mafia so used to underground resis-

tance to government that its way of life

(including the exercise of irrespon-

sible power and the profits of corrup-

tion) is threatened by the peace process, and it regards reconciliation as a menace rather than a goal.

It would seem necessary for the

British and Irish Governments to

make a determined effort to eradicate

all paramilitary groupings now, since

whichever takes over the administra-

tion of the Province (or perhaps it should be ceded to an independent

Scotland, to which it belongs geo-graphically and culturally) will in the

From Professor John A. Davis

160 Aldersgate Street, ECl. long run be faced with cancer in the

body politic, Yours faithfully, JOHN A. DAVIS, l Cambridge Road, Great Shelford, Cambridge.

From the Reverend Dr Chris Ford Sir, Under a photograph of Mo Mowlam, Northern Ireland Secretary, captioned "some ask whether her tumour affected her personality" (Body and Mind, September 25), you state that "Some journalists claim to have noticed an increasing intolerance of others' indolence or prejudice."

Can I suggest that anyone trying to keep the Northern Ireland peace talks on the rails would display precisely the same personality traits. Anyone, that is, with an ounce of humanity.

Yours sincerely, CHRIS FORD, St John's Rectory, Railton Terrace, Manchester.

### Care of souls?

Sounding brass From Mr Rupert Jarvis

Sir, You report David Vicary, pastor of the church in East London which was fined for excessive noise (report, September 20), as saying that if the music stopped the church would be finished.

Given Jesus's teachings about houses built on sand, what hope is there for a church whose appeal lies solely in the noise it can make?

Yours faithfully, RUPERT JARVIS, 43 High Street, Cuddesdon, Oxford. rupert@bowseat.demon.com.uk September 20.

### In faith we trust

From Dame Cicely Saunders, OM, Chairman of St Christopher's

Sir, Mr Alan Challoner (letter, September 19) refers to religion as a prop. I have found myself that it is, rather, a challenge which continues throughout life.

Meeting people at the end of their lives, we at St Christopher's try to give them space to make some sense of what is happening. It becomes clear that man is not only an individual standing on his own two feet but rather a part of a web of relationships.

We are not concerned to suggest to anyone our ways of thinking, but rather that they should think as deepFrom Canon S. F. Bloxam-Rose

Sir. The career prospects for women in the Church of England after only

five years of being eligible for ordina-tion to the priesthood are quite remarkable. Today's Times (Church News) announces the appointment of the Reverend Christine Mason as Team Vicar of Rugeley "with special responsibility for The Holy Spirit".

Yours faithfully, SIMON BLOXAM-ROSE (Senior Chaplain, Millfield School). Orchard Leigh. Butleigh Road, Street, Somerset. September 27.

ly as they can in their own way. They may or may not use the word God, but frequently find an obvious spiritual

significance in what is happening and

something beyond themselves in

which to trust. Yours faithfully, CICELY SAUNDERS, Chairman. St Christopher's Hospice, 51-59 Lawrie Park Road. Sydenham, SE26.

September 22.

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### Song and dance on opera funding

From the Music Director of English National Opera

Sir, When I read Mr Morrison's latest doom-laden warning ("One opera house is trouble enough", Arts, Sep-tember 26), I was reminded that I'd forgotten to collect my winnings from the bet I placed last time he prophesied that there would soon only be room for one properly funded opera

house in London. That was six years ago ("Make it the Coligarden", April 5, 1991). Funding for the arts has been sliding for longer than that, but I don't remember a single year in which the "hundreds of excellent people" at the Coliseum, whose spirit and loyalty are re-nowned, have lost their determination to fight for their company and its

I did not join ENO as music director to see new productions cut and seat prices hiked up, and although our deficit is a serious burden, it is one that we have pledged to tackle in ways that do not undermine the very pur-

pose of ENO's existence. I have more optimism than Mr Morrison, and I stake my job on a conviction that artistic vision can be properly supported. But it requires vision in return - and not just on the part of the managements of ENO and the Royal Opera House.

The media can seldom do more than react to the past. At ENO we have the rather more inspiring job of planning for the future. I am immensely proud to be joining the fray when there is so much to play for.

Yours faithfully, PAUL DANIEL Music Director, English National Opera, London Coliseum. St Martin's Lane, WC2 September 29.

From the Acting Secretary-General of the Arts Council of England

Sir. In propounding the theory that London should only have one opera company, Richard Morrison suggests that the Arts Council has "backed three entirely different scenarios for ENO" in the past three years. This is not wholly accurate.

The 1995 report from Denis Steven son's lyric theatre team (of which I was a member) did not recommend that ENO turned into a "small company working in a small theatre". Our suggestion was that dance should have an increased share of the use of

the Coliseum. The lottery award to ENO in July 1995 was not "for a feasibility study into building a huge new opera house". Rather, it was for a comparative study to evaluate plans for a redeveloped Coliseum and to consider suitable alternatives.

Mr Morrison's third scenario relates to the Arts Council's current efforts, through the lottery-funded stabilisation programme, to work with ENO on a strategy for its future. The council supports ENO and our strategy is intended to enable the company to consolidate its resources in the short-to-medium term before considering any major capital development, either at the Coliscum or elsewhere.

Next month the council will determine the level of grant required to implement that strategy.

Yours faithfully. GRAHAM DÉVLIN. Acting Secretary-General, The Arts Council of England, 14 Great Peter Street, SWI. September 26.

### Military greatness

From Mr Sa'ad Khaldi

Sir, I was glad to see Dr Charles Long's letter (September 17; see also letters, September 20 and 25) pointing out the omission of my distinguished ancestor, Khalid Ibn al-Walid, from Colonel Lanning's league table of military leaders. For hundreds of millions of Muslims, he is the "Sword of Islam".

The title "Desert Storm" for the joint Allied (but mainly American-Saudi) military operation in the Gulf was taken throughout the Arab and Muslim world as an indirect tribute to al-Walid's famed tactics, attacking with a small mobile force much larger forces under the cover of a sandstorm.

Yours faithfully. SA'AD KHALDI, 2 Vicar's Close, E9. September 25.

From Mrs Susie Hancock

Sir, Does Lieutenant-Colonel Lanning feature in the world's top 100 most authoritative military historians?

Yours faithfully, SUSIE HANCOCK, 37 Glen Drive, Bristol. hsma.hancock@virgin.net September 21.

From Mr Ian D. Thomson

Sir, Considering the outstanding con-tribution that I made to victory in North Africa and Europe in the Second World War, I am deeply offended that my name has been omitted from the list of the top 100 military leaders.

I am, yours faithfully, IAN D. THOMSON (Acting (unpaid) Lance-Bombardier, 1941-45), 67 Main Street, Winchburgh, Broxburn, East Lothian September 25.



### **COURT CIRCULAR**

**BUCKINGHAM PALACE** September 30: The Duke of York this morning opened HELITECH 97, International Helicopter Technology and Operations Exhibition, at Redhill Aerodrome and was received by Mr Gordon Lee-Steere (Vice Lord-Lieutenant of Surrey).

His Royal Highness this afternoon visited Zonal Plastics Limited,

BUCKINGHAM PALACE September 30: The Prince Edward this evening attended a Concert given by Her Majesty's Royal Marines at Guildhall, London EC2.

BUCKINGHAM PALACE
September 30: The Princess Royal
today departed Gatwick Airport.
London, for Phoenix, Arizona, United Her Royal Highness this aftern arrived in Phoenix.

The Princess Royal this evening attended the opening performance of Orhello by the Royal National Thenure at the Herberger Theater Miss Victoria Legge-Bourke and

Princess Margaret, as Honorary President, the British Museum

Development Trust, will open the exhibition Cartier: 1900-1939 at

7.20 and will then attend a dinner

Services of Thanksgiving for the life and work of Viscount Tonypandy will be held in:

Liandaff Cathedral at 2.30pm on

Saturday, November 8. Those

wishing to attend are requested apply in writing, enclosing a stamped addressed envelope, to: Mr Glen Williams, Cardiff County Council. County Hall. Atlantic Wharl, Cardiff, CFI SUW.

Westminster Abbey at noon on Thursday, November 13. Those

wishing to attend are asked to apply in writing, enclosing a stamped addressed envelope, to:

The Assistant Receiver General

(Protocol), Room 13, The Chapter Office, 20 Dean's Yard, West

minster Abbey, London, SWIE

Applications for tickets must be received by October 24. All are

Mr Justice Hollis retired from the

decome to apply for tickets.

Retirements

Today's royal

engagements

at the museum.

Viscount

Tonypandy

### Memorial service

KENSINGTON PALACE

September 30: The Princess Margaret. Countess of Snowdon was present this evening at the opening performance of the French Theatre Season at the Royal National Theatre. London SEI.

September 30: The Duke of Glouces-ter, President, British Consultants Bureau, this morning attended the Bureau's Seminar at the Taj Sheba

Horel
Afterwards His Royal Highness
was received at the Presidential
Palace by The President of the
Republic of Yernen (Lieunenant-General Ali Abdulla Saleh).
Later The Duke of Gloucester
attended a Luncheon at the Taj Sheba
Hotel given by the British Consulturns Sureau.

tants Bureau.

This evening His Royal Highness attended a Dirner given by His Excellency Mr Douglas Scrafton (Her Majesty's Ambassador to the Republic of Yemen) and Mrs Scrafton

Sir Thomas Lodge A memorial service for the life of Sir Thomas Lodge, former consu-tant radiologist, United Sheffield Hospitals, was held yesterday in the Cathedral Church of St Marie. Sheffield. Father Kevin Thornton officiated and Mr Anton Lodge.

QC, son, led the prayers.

Dr Jerry Daly and Dr Paul Allan read the lessons. Professor Anian read the lessons. Professor Ronald Grainger gave an address. Miss C. Lodge, daughter, mem-bers of Sheffield University's Fac-uity of Medicine, the President of the Royal College of Radiologists and many other friends and for-mer colleagues were present.

### Dinners

Foundation for Science and Technology

Lord Butterworth, President of the Foundation for Science and Technology, presided at a lecture and dinner discussion held last night at the Royal Society. Mr Andrew Warren, Sir John Houghton and Dr Mary Archer were the

Royal Pharmaceutical Society of Great Britain
Mr Peter Curphey, President of the
Royal Pharmaceutical Society of
Great Britain, presided at a dinner
held last night at I Lambeth High

Street, Baronesa Miller of Hendon

also spoke.

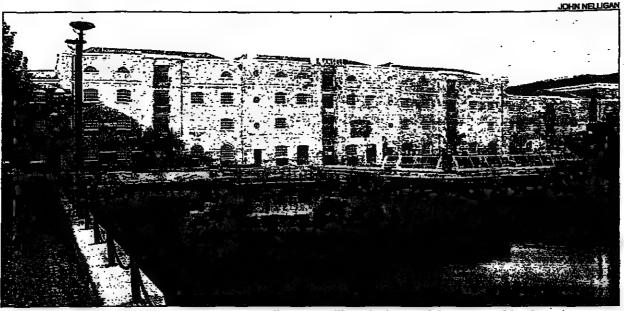
High Court Bench yesterday. Appointment Judge Young and Judge Wilson Mellor, QC, retired from the Circuit Bench of the Midland and Major-General P.W.E. Istead has been appointed a Deputy Lieuten-Oxford Circuit yesterday. ant of Greater London.

### Today's birthdays

Miss Julie Andrews, actress and inger, 62; Mr Moran Caplat, former general administrator. Glyndebourne Festival Opera, SI; Mr Jimmy Carter, former American President, 73: Mr R. de C. Chapman. former Headmaster Malvern College, 61: Cardinal Cahal Daly, Archbishop of Ar-magh and Primate of All Ireland. 80: Mr Phil de Glanville, captain, England rugby football 29; Mr Sandy Gall, broadcaster, 70; Sir John Gray, former diplomat, 61; Mr Richard Hambro, chairman Cancer Relief Macmillan Fund, 51: Professor Sir Stuart Hampshire,

FBA, former Warden, Wadham College, Oxford, 83; Mr Richard Harris, actor, 64; Major D.A. Jamieson, VC, 77; Mr Walter Marthau, actor, 77; Mr Peter Nobes, former Chief Constable, West Yorkshire, 62; Dame Kaunleen Ollerenshaw, educationist, 85; Professor John Reid, clinical pharmacologist, 54; Professor Sir Roland Smith, former chairman, British Aerospace, 69: Professor Sir Colin Stansfield Smith, architect. 65: Sir Robert Telford, life president, The Marconi Company, 82; Professor Jean Thomas, FRS,

### £16million museum for Docklands



This listed Georgian warehouse on West India Quay will be the home of the new Docklands museum

### Lottery will pay most of the cost

By JOHN YOUNG

A NEW £16 million museum portraying the history of the Port of London since Roman times is to be created in the Isle of Dogs, in the heart of the former Docklands. Nearly three quarters of the cost will be met by a grant of more than £11.5 million from the Heritage Lottery Fund, and most of the rest by a further £3.5 million from the London Docklands Development Corporation (LDDC).

The museum, scheduled to open in January 2000, will occupy five floors of a Grade I listed warehouse on West India Quay, facing the com-plex of modern office buildings at Canary Wharf. The galleries, library and archive will house more than 50,000 artefacts. paintings, photographs, and written and oral records, amassed by the Museum of London and the Port of London Authority.

Michael Oliver, the chairman of the trustees, said that the generous support of the lottery fund and the development corporation had been instrumental in realising the vision of a new cultural focal point for London. The museum is expected to attract 260,000 visitors in its first year alone, benefiting from the Jubilee Line extension linking East and West London.

The Georgian building. which will be its home, is part of a half-mile-long row of warehouses completed at the beginning of the 19th century and described by the Royal Commission on the Historical Monuments of England as one of the great monuments of European economic

Built for the storage of sugar, rum and coffee, they



were surrounded by a moat and high walls, and patrolled by an armed militia. The warehouses suffered extensive bomb damage in the Second World War and seven of the original nine were eventually demolished. The surviving buildings have been restored to their original splendour by the development corporation and given to the Museum Trust.

Until the outbreak of the war London was the greatest port in the world. Its seven docks system occupied some 720 acres of water, surrounded by 35 miles of quayside. In addition to the enclosed docks, the riverfront between London Bridge and Gravesend was lined with wharfs. ship repair yards, barge yards, factories and heavy industries.

Ocean-going and coastal ships made more than 50,000 visits to the port every year. It provided employment for some 100,000 dockers, stevedores, lightermen, seamen and ancillary workers. A further 150,000 depended upon it for a living.

The postwar advent of con-

tainer ships and roll-on, rolloff ferries brought about a rapid decline. Within a decade the number of registered dockers fell from a peak of 32,000 in 1955 to fewer than 12,000. From 1967 the docks became progressively redun-dant, colminating in the closure of the huge downstream Royal complex in 1981.

In that year the Government created the first two urban development corporations, in London and on Merseyside, to tackle the problems of unemployment derelictions resulting from the rapid change in shipping practices. The LDDC, which is to be wound up at the end of this year, was given the task of regenerating 8.5 square miles of former docktands.

From the early 1980s on-wards the Museum of London gathered together a vast collection of artefacts ranging from dockers' hooks to quayside cranes. Between 1986 and 1989 museum officials recorded more than 260 hours of taped interviews with former workers and their families. At the same

time the museum acquired the PLA library and archive including 10,000 books 50,000 plans and engineering drawings, 40,000 photo-graphs, 350 films, and 5,000 paintings, drawings and

The displays at the new museum will trace the history of the port from Roman times, through the Elizabethan voyages of discovery, 18th-century phracy on the Thames, the building of the first docks, the growth of industry, shipbuilding and international trade the port at war and its recent decline

and regeneration.

The indoor exhibits will be complemented by a display of restored cranes, tugs and barges along the waterfront. Sir Michael Pickard, chairman of the LDDC, said: "The museum not only secures a. new and highly appropriate use for a magnificent dock-side building but will also be the focus of the Docklands' cultural regeneraton. For many people it will revive memories of an area which has seen dramatic change over the last three decades."

### **Forthcoming** marriages

Mr S.R.R. Ashby and Miss S.J. Osborn

The engagement is announced between Simon, son of Mr Brian between Simon, son of Mr. Brian Ashby, of Barbican, London, and Mrs Sandy Ashby, of Wendover, Buckinghamshire, and Sarah, daughter of the late Mr Patrick Osborn and of Mrs Osborn, of

Hatchford, Surrey.
Mr. D.R.J. Briant
and Miss P.K. Hugged The engagement is announced between Jonathan, son of Mr and Mrs Paul Briant, of Eastbourne,

East Sussex, and Kare, daughter of Mr and Mrs Peter Huggett. of Johannesburg, South Africa. Mr S.R. El-Charif and Miss R.M.F. Conyers

The engagement is announced between Shadi, eldest son of Mr and Mrs R. El-Charif, and Rachel, only daughter of Mr and Mrs M. Conyers, both of Bletchley, Bockinghumility. Mr R.G. Federmen

and Miss C.J. Frank The engagement is announced between Raoul, son of Mr and Mrs Arthur Federman, of Redbridge, and Caroline, elder daughter of Mr and Mrs Peter Frank, of

Mr R.G.J. Fleming and Mile M.S. Calvert

The engagement is announced between Robert, eldest son of Mr and Mrs John Fleming, of Knaresborough, North Yorkshire, and Martina, only daughter of Mr and Mrs Dennis Calvert, of Chelenham, Gloucestershire.

Mr G.R. Hayes and Miss S.M. Jardine Brown The engagement is announced between Garfield, only son of Mr and Mrs Richard Hayes, of Cox Green, Berkshire, and Sarah, elder daughter of Mr and Mrs Colin Jardine Brown, of Ibworth,

Mr RJ.C. Hordern and Miss CM.H. Tankr The engagement is amnounced between Richard, son of Colonel and Mrs Joseph Hordern, of Radwinter, Essex, and Catherine, daughter of Mr and Mrs Peter W. Tanter, of Lichfield, Souther Mr K.T. Ruuskan

and Miss a.J. Alder The engagement is announced between Kari, elder son of Mr and Mrs Heikki Ruuskanen, of Kuoplo, Finland, and Jame, elder daughter of Mr and Mrs William Alder, of Kippielaw, East Lothian.

and Miss G.S. Burrows -The engagement is announced between William, eldest son of Mr and Mrs W.S. Cowan, St. of and Mrs W.S. Cowen, Sr. of Pawleys Island, South Carolina, USA, and Georgina. daughter of Mr Brian Burrows, of Ilkley, West Yorkshire, and Mrs Brendan Mcinemey, of Belgravia, London.

Mr B.S.A. James and Miss L.J.R. Holland and Miss L.R. Instants
The engagement is announced
between Benedict, younger son of
Mr Sephen James, of Lymington.
Hampshire, and Mrs Patricia
Cave, of Salisbury, Witshire, and
Laura, daughter of Mr and Mrs.
David Holland, of Chobbara,

Mr M. Poo and Miss C. Unshor The engagement is announced between Michael, younger son of Mr and Mrs Ralph Poure, of

Learnington Spa, Warwickshire, and Claire, only daughter of Mr and Mrs Laurence Upshon, of Hartlebury, Worcestershire.

Dr D.J. Power and Miss C.M. O'Leavy The engagement is announced between Daniel, eldest son of Mr. and Mrs Gerald Power, of Altrincham, Cheshire, and Class, only daughter of Mr Bernand O'Leary and the late Mrs Veronica O'Leary, of Ashton in Makerlield,

Mr D.H. Shuffleboth and Miss M.E.R. Hill

The engagement is announced between David, youngest son of Mr and Mr. Tarenet Shuffleton an. of Neath, West Glamorgan, and Melanie, younger daughter of Lieutenant Colonel and Mrs J.R. Hill, of Hythe, Kent.

Mr R.W.J. Smith and Milm A.J. Edwards

The engagement is announced between Robert, only son of Mr and Mrs David Smith, of Penn. Wolverhampton, and Alison, only daughter of Mr and Mrs Michael Edwards, also of Penn,

W. I.C. Tide and Miss V.E. Selby
The engagement is announced
between lames, younger son of Mr
and Mrs Roger Tutt, of Ozenhall,
Gloucestershire, and Victoria. younger daughter of Mr and Mrs David Selby, of Learnington Spa. Warwickshire.

### St Andrew's Ball

The St Andrew's Ball will be held in London on Friday, November 28. There will be pro-Ball evenings at Bartersea Town Hall on Thurs-day, October 16, and at Wands-worth Town Hall on November 6, and a teaching evening on October 25. Ball telefis including dinor-are £75 and after dinner nickets are 649 from the Ball Secretary, The Garden House, Cherison, Aircsford, Hampshire, SO24 OQQ, TeF01962

### Baron Selkirk of Douglas

The life barony conferred upon Lord James Alexander Douglas-Hamilton, QC, has been gaze by the name, style and title of Baron Selkirk of Douglas, of Cramond in the City of Edinburgh.

### Baron Lang of Monkton

The life barony conferred upon Mr lan Bruce Lang has been gazetted by the name, style and title of Baron Lang of Monkton, of Merrick and the Rhims of Kells in Dumfries and Galloway.

### **Anniversaries**

BIRTHS: King Henry III, reigned 1216-72, Winchester, 1207; Paul I, Emperor of Russia 1796-1801. St Petersburg, 1754; William Betk-ford, novelist, Ronthill Gifford. Wiltshire, 1760; Annie Bessni, cofounder of the Theosophical Society. London, 1847: Paul Dukas, composer, Paris, 1865; Lingust Ali Khan, lst Prime Minister of Paki-stan 1947-51, Karmal, East Punjah, India, 1895: Vladimir Horowitz. can Edwards, footballer, Dedicy

DEATHS: Pierre Cornellie, poet and dramatist, Paris, 1684; Sir Edwin Landseer, painter, London. 1873: Anthony Ashley Cooper, 7th Earl of Shaftesbury, social re-former, Folicesone, 1885: Benjamin Jowett, scholar, Hadley Park, Hampshire, 1893; Louis Leakey, archaeologist and anthropolog London, 1972; Sir Sacheverell well, writer, 1988.

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August 31st to Claim David, a daughter, Fran Catherine Alicia. Singapore, to Teresa (non Yeo) and John, a daughter, Hannah Xin-Yi. FOWLE - On September 27th, to Joanna (nos Wilson) and Mark, a daughter, kira Jessica Munay. The Portland Hospita, Stacey and Michael, & daughter, Hissa Sophie, a sister for Chice and David.

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BIRTHS caregiver, Alessandra (casca. MeVEY - On 27th September, to Vivianne (née jinks) and John, a second beautiful daughter, Verity Rose, sister for liobal Gasca.

HISDULFTON - On September 10th, to Wendy and Gary, a beautiful daughter, Phose Melissa, a little sister to Sophie Alice who temains forever in our hearts.

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daughter, Mikaela Colette Jayne. TALHAMI - On September 24th at The Portland Hospital, to Diana and Robert, a son Noch William. DEATHS

BARTLETT - Marjorie (née Grieve) of Corbridge, Newczestie-upon-Tyne, beloved wife of Michael and much loved mother of James and Elizabeth and and Hilzabeth and grandmother to Catherina, Patricia, Sazah and Michael, Peacefully in Herham General Hoppital on 29th September 1997. Service at St Andrew's Church, Corbridge, on Friday 3rd October at 11.20 am, followed by private burial at Contridge Cemetary, Flowers to be sent to J. Bardgett & Sons, Westgate Road, Newcastle.

No. belowed belowed of the late Peggy, much loved father of Robin and Georgina and gendiather of Camilla and Alec. Femeral at Wootton St Lawrence at 12 noon Friday 3rd October. Engineer to Alemana and Dry, France Director, Sail Road, Reinsesther, (1956)

STANKSHAW - Clare, much loved widow of the late Edward Caralishaw, on 27th Spreads at 2 pm on Monday 6th October at 5t Micholas Church, Sandburst, Tenterden, Eant Flywars to V. S. Still High Street.

CURLE - Sir John Noel Ormiston Curle K.C.V.O., C.M.G. On September 30th after a long illness. Rushand of Fauline, farber of Virginia. and Feter. Stepfather o Antonia Wethered an Philippa Enderby, Funeral a St. Leonard's, Aston-le-Walls

DEAN - Charles died on September 28th at home after a howe fight against cancer, aged 51. Adored heaband of Elimbeth, deady loved son, son-in-law, hotter, brother-in-law and uncle, and greet friend to many. Private cremation followed by a Service of Thunkagiving at 11 am on 7th October at St Mary's Church, Essendon. Family flowers only please, but donations, if desired, to Cancer Relief, clook Nethercotts, 150 Darkes Lane, Fotters Bar, Herts.

Deliss - Were (née Langhorst) on 28th September, peacefully after a long illness borne with great fortitude and faith. A painter, beloved mother,

(née McIntosh) passed away in peace at home or 26th September 1997. Much beloved and greatly missed by will and their consistency for the constant of the constant parents Savid and Jean, also by her sister Lindsey and important for properties of the constant at Research Constanting.

painter, beloved mother, grandmother, sister and friend lovingly remembered. Funeral Service at Prior's Dean Parish Church, Hampshire on Saturday 4th October at 2 pm. Flowers to Chalsen Funeral Directors, 2608 Fullem Road, London SW10 9HL.

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commitment to many different charities and his involvement with the local community and church. Funeral on Friday 3rd October at 12 moon at 3t John's Church, Shirley, Church Road, Shirley, Croydon. Donations 15 mailed to "At Thems Kidney Fund" c/o J.B. Shakespeare, 67 George Street, Croydon C20 1LD. Street, Croydon CEO 11.0.

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MACKINNON - Kathleen, dearly loved wife of Donald, died peacefully at home on September 29th 1997, much September 29th 1997, much found to income a med family, David, Anna and Donald. Funeral Service and cremation at York Crematorium Friday October 3rd at 1 pm. Family flowers only please. Donations if desired to MacMillan and Marie Curie Nurses. Flate provided at the service. provinced at the leavage.

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### **OBITUARIES**

marriage

Roy Lichtenstein, artist, died on September 29 aged 73. He was born on October 27, 1923.

t was a challenge from one of his sons that took Roy Lichtenstein into America's artistic and commercial big league. The young boy pointed to a Mickey Mouse comic book and said "I bet you can't paint as good as that". Lichtenstein was soon startling the art world, and then the world, with hugely enlarged frames of Mickey and Donald, transferred to canvas. The New York Times critic helpfully protested that he was one of the worst artists in America . . . making a sow's ear out of a sow's ear", and Pop Art was launched - with the backing (despite its name) of the new sophisticates.

Roy Lichtenstein was born in New York City and had a quiet childhood in an unassuming middle-class family. Art was not taught at his high school, but he drew and painted jazz musicians as a hobby, somewhat influenced by Picasso's moody Blue Period paintings. In 1939 he took summer classes at the Art Students' League under Reginald Marsh, a former commercial artist who had become a well-known urban realist.
The following year Lichtenstein enrolled at the School of Fine Arts at Ohio State University, where he stayed until he was drafted in 1943. After serving in Europe, he returned to Ohio promptly on demobilisation in 1946, and continued his studies until 1949.

The Ohio influence of Hoyt Sherman, an early theorist of figureground" relationships, can be seen in Lichtenstein's later strong use of others' images, from posters pilfered to fine artists pastiched. It is also evident in the forcefulness of his pictures, with their flat and saturated primary colours, or the "bite" of their sharply contrasted black and white.

Lichtenstein went through early spells of geometrical abstraction and Cubism, but the first paintings he exhibited were in the Abstract Expressionist style, though incorporating such specific Americana as cowboys and indians and dollar bills. His first one-man show was in 1949 at the Ten Thirty Gallery in Cleveland, Ohio. Next, he interspersed painting with assemblages of found objects, exhibited in 1951 in New York

at the Carlebach Gallery.

During the 1950s, Lichtenstein worked in Cleveland as an engineering draughtsman while struggling towards the life of a full-time artist. In 1950 he made a painting of a dollar bill — a forerunner of Pop Art — but he did not follow it up. During these-years he and his friends used to visit the Cedar Street Tavern in Greenwich Village, where Jackson Pollock and whiem de Koomini times be spotted, "We'd just hang out and hope something would rub off," he recalled much later. "Guess it did." In the 1960s, when he had been appointed assistant professor at Douglas College of Ruigers University, New Jersey, he also met Allan Kaprow, Claes Oldenburg, Jim Dine,

Lucas Samaras and George Segal. It was in this atmosphere that Lichtenstein produced his first comicstrip paintings. Although they appeared initially to be straight copies, they were in fact slightly edited and tidied up. Lichtenstein retained the picture. It was like having a second vivid strength of the images while life . . I am in a fool's paradise." He

ROY LICHTENSTEIN



ur brittieness. In 1901 he took six of them to the newly opened gallery of Leo Castelli, and was accepted for exhibition there in preference to Andy Warhol, who was working on similar lines. (Before long, however, Castelli was also representing Warhol, Jasper Johns, Frank Stella and Cy Twombly.)

Lichtenstein's first show with Castelli, in 1962 brought immediate recognition, selling out even before the opening, and put him on an artistic fast track. As he out it: "I was thirty-eight when I did my first Pop

moved to New York in 1903, stopped teaching in 1964, showed at the Venice Biennale in 1966, was the subject of a popular exhibition at the Tate Gallery in 1968 and an instant retrospective at the Guggenheim Museum in 1969. He was elected to the American Academy of Arts and Sciences in 1970.

Fame and money were not unwelcome - some said they were cynically sought — but they only made him more dedicated to his work. Anything but a Bohemian, he observed regular hours in a substantial and highly organised studio, with several assistants, taking an hour for lunch every day in

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the same restaurant. As a result of this discipline, he became something of a mass-producer himself.

Lichtenstein's work of the 1960s is a fine artist's inspection of the images and language of mass communication. The banal conventions of commercial illustrations fascinated him, and so did the technical means. He focused on lettering and speech balloons (allowing critics to trace a line back from "I know how you must feel, Brad . . ." through caricatures to religious paintings and icons). But he also drew attention to the Ben Day dot-system of printing: on the scale for which they were intended, more and bigger dots produce a darker tone, but in his huge enlargements they are distractingly dotty. In colour, their effect is akin to pointillism, but without the delicacy.

As the trashy became the monumental, Lichtenstein was simultaneously examining, celebrating, plagiarising, parodying and criticis-ing the cliches of "low art". Whaam! (1963), an enlarged frame of a cartoon showing an aerial dogfight, is a comment at once on violent emotions portrayed and debased; on the crude simplification of the cartoon imagery, on the forceful compositional skills of the original illustrator (which Lichrenstein accentuated); and on the detached, mechanical means of reproduction. One of his most vigorous paintings of this period, it caused some outrage when the Tate bought it in 1966, but has since been one of the gallery's most popular exhibits.

ages which brought Lichten-stein fame were mostly produced between 1961 and 1965, but from the beginning of that decade he was constantly playing with other kinds of material too. After 1962 he made pastiches or parodies of the work of other artists - Monet. Picasso, Mondrian and many more - emphasising the abstract qualities of the works by accentuating line, composition and flatness. A series of sunset and landscape views done between 1964 and 1966 led to pastiches of 1930s Art Deco "streamlined" designs. After 1965, Lichtenstein also

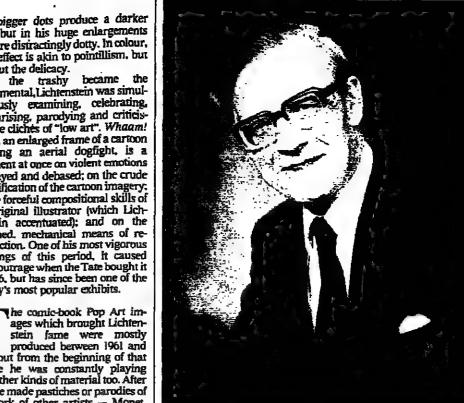
worked in other media, such as glass, enamelled steel and ceramics. Here his designs were executed by technicians, but they have been much admired for their sense of form and their technical virtuosity, convey-ing with minimal use of material such effects as lamplight, mirror reflections or steam from a kettle. Many were again ironic or self-referential. The Tate Gallery, for instance, has a set of dinnerware in china patterned as if in a crude newsprint advertisement of itself with applied shading.

Despite Lichtenstein's settling for an art form that omits everything personal or profound (some critics preferred to classify it as "high design"), his works followed those of such living celebrities as Johns and Rauschenberg in the 1980s in attracting huge sums. In 1990, Kiss II sold for more than \$6 million. Another picture, bought on an American Express card, brought the purchaser 2.48 million air miles. But when the prices got beyond a joke, Lichtenstein himself worried that collectors were treating him too academically and failing to see the humour.

Lichtenstein's work asks how well ideas, emotions and art survive the simplification and repetition of modem packaging. His wild changes of scale, medium and context are but exaggerations of a process that goes on all around us. His art is to do with deconstruction, reconstruction and reproduction; but in the end, when someone is taking the Mickey, it would be a pity to pay a million dollars and miss the joke.

Roy Lichtenstein was married in 1949 to Isabel Wilson. They had two sons, but the marriage was dissolved in 1965. Three years later he married Dorothy Heraka, who survives him, along with his sons.

### **LEONARD MULLINS**



director of the Malaysian Rabber Producers' Research Association. died on September 19 aged 79. He was born on May 21, 1918.

LEONARD MULLINS had an important part in the modernisation of the Malaysian rubber industry during the 1960s and 1970s. As direc-tor of research of the Malaysian Rubber Producers' Research Association in Britain, he helped to capitalise on the large volume of basic technical information acquired by the laboratories. He and his colleagues established new markets for natural rubber, notably several modified forms of the raw material, improved tyres for winter driving, and rubber bearings to protect buildings against

earthquake damage.

For his services to the industry he was made a Companion of St Michael and St George in 1976, and his scientific achievement was recognised by the award of the Colwyn Medal of the former Institution of the Rubber Industry in 1966 and the Goodyear Medal of the American Chemical Society in 1986. He was also honoured by professional societies in many tries.

Leonard Mullins was educated at Eltham College and University College London, where he graduated in physics in 1939 intending to become a teacher. For the next five years he was involved in weapons research at the Woolwich Arsenal and the Cavendish Laboratory in Cambridge, and, having decided that his vocation was in research, he joined the old Research Association of British Rubber Manufacturers in 1944.

In 1949 he was seconded to the Ministry of Supply to supervise the dismantling of the Bayer rubber laboratories at Leverkusen for auction among the Allies. After turn-ing down several job offers from America, he then joined the Malaysian Rubber Producers Association in 1950. He was appointed director of research in 1962, and after retirement in 1983 he was for several years a consultant to the United Nations Industrial Development Organisation in Vienna, and a member of a task force set up by the Malaysian Government to plan its future industrial

Since 1973, the home of the Malaysian Rubber Producers' Research Association has been Brickendonbury, a Hertfordshire manor house, and during Mullins's tenure it became almost a compulsory stopping-off point for Malaysian politicians, diplomats and scientists visiting Britain. Many of them enjoyed the hospitality of Mullins and his wife Freda at their home in Welwyn Garden City.

A commanding figure, Mullins was an accomplished public speaker, and this, combined with his comprehensive knowledge of the economics, science and technology of rub ber, made him an unrivalled "ambassador" for natural rubber. He travelled extensively despite suffering a serious heart attack in 1968.

He was also a staunch supporter of Malaysian aspirations, keen to maintain good Anglo-Malaysian relations through good and bad times. To his staff he was always courteous and considerate about professional and domestic matters.

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### **BRIAN HALL** Brian Hall, actor and writer, died of cancer on September 16 aged 59. He was born on

THE actor and former cab driver Brian Hall was best known for his role as Terry the eccentric cook in Fawlty Towers, but he was also one of the best-known "heavies" in British film and theatre. Though never a star name, he followed in the tradition of American gangster movies of the 1930s and 1940s, in which the heavy was always recognisable but not often nameable.

November 20, 1937.

Brian Hall was born in Brighton and showed early signs of wanting to act. As a teenager he appeared in local amateur productions, where his burly frame and working-class accent soon made him stand out in support roles.

After leaving school, he became a taxidriver for some years before a chance meeting with his soon-to-be agent. Richard Ireson, who didn't have to do much to persuade him that his talent lay in the theatre. It was the start of a successful business partnership that lasted the rest of Hall's life, with Ireson finding him



roles in productions at the Royal Court under the direction of Peter Gill, and later at the RSC in Afore Night Comes, directed by Ron Daniels.

Encouraged to write by directors who were aware of his talent, he wrote Made It Ma with John Chapman for the Royal Court, and later Bit of Business for the

National Theatre with John Burgess, who also directed. During the 1970s he made scene-

stealing appearances in Softly, Softly, the hard-hitting police series in which he played the corrupt police officer Sergeant Drake, and then in Emmerdale Farm. He also had cameo roles in Crocodile Shoes and Rumpole of the Bailey.

In the cinema he scored a notable success playing the bodyguard to Bob Hoskins in The Long Good Friday in 1980, and in the same year he was the villain in McVicar. He was to find the gangster image hard to shake off.

On his own admission he enjoyed playing comedy rather than crime roles, so he was delighted by his near-star status as Terry in Fawity Towers. He shared John Cleese's sense of humour on set and off - and they became friends. Some years after the series finished. Cleese sent him an autographed picture as a joke. Hall wrote back and demanded a signed Rolls-Royce instead. Three days later one arrived in the post. It was a children's toy.

He is survived by his wife, Marlene, and their four children.

### **ROCKET-DRIVEN** AEROPLANE

(FROM OUR OWN CORRESPONDENT)

Herr Fritz von Opei flew about a mile near Frankfurt to-day in a rocket-propelled aeroplane, to the great interest of the inhabitants of the countryside, who regarded the mach ine, roaring through the air with a tail of flame and a long trail of smoke, with wonder and astonishment. Herr von Opel, a member of the Opel motor firm, has been pursuing his experiments with rocket aeroplanes in great secrecy ever since the idea of rocket propulsion first came into the forefront of public attention with his spectacular rocket car exhibition on the Avus track, near Berlin,

some 18 months ago . . . The aeroplane in which Herr von Opel took his seat for the enterprise is a small monoplane with a tail unit mounted on outriggers running from the wings. The rump is cut off short behind the pilot's seat and presents from the rear the appearance of a honeycomb, the circular openings being the mouths of the rocket chambers.

The rocket aeroplane has already made successful flights after an assisted start in the manner used for motorless aircraft, but to-day

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There was seemingly no limit to the daring and enterprise of the von Opel family who in the 1920s clearly saw the possibilities of rocket propulsion.

it was "shot" into the air. This was done in the following manner. A rail track 30ft long was laid, with a buffer at one end. The aeroplane was placed on a starting trolley also propelled by rockets, which ran along the rails at great speed and discharged the aeroplane into the air as it struck against the buffer. At this moment the flight rockets were ignited by the pilot and the aeroplane continued in flight under its own motive power. The machine was also fitted with braking rockets firing in the reverse direction, to enable a slow landing

The first two attempts this morning were unsuccessful because the ignition of the flight

rockets failed. The ignition was overhauled, and this afternoon a successful third attempt was made. The trolley made its dash, the aeroplane rose, the flight rockets ignited, and Herr von Opel disappeared in a dealening uproar and a cloud of smoke and flame. From this point the story is taken up by a

startled motorist who chanced to be near the point at which the aeroplane landed after a flight which, it is said, covered about one or two kilometres (a mile or so). The motorist "suddenly heard a great noise in the sky and the air quivered as though it were shaken by heavy artillery fire". He looked up and saw a iong trail of smoke, with a central core of flame, and at the head of it a dark point moving at a tremendous speed. As it came closer he perceived that it was an aeroplane. It described several turns and then suddenly came to earth quite near him "with a loud thud". It bounced a few times and then lay still. Approaching the machine he saw, at the rear of the rump, a mass of red-hot and smoking tubes, and in the asbestos-covered cockpit, securely strapped in, he found Herr von Opel, "who seemed to be feeling the effects of his experience". Thus ended the first flight, apart from short trial flights, of an seroplane containing a human being and propelled by rockets.

Sold off too cheaply, local papers mean business

# Winning against impossible odds

**SNODDY** 

newspaper history will be made when the weekly Darlington & Stockton Times succumbs to modern trends and puts news on its front page. The paper that is often described as the Dalesman's bible has waited until its 150th anniversary to take its great design leap forward.

The paper is as good a symbol as any of the enduring strengths and social importance of local newspapers. They also happen to be good business and social importance of local newspapers. to be good business again after years in the doldrums. The Darlington & Stockton Times, complete with news on its front page, is on its way to flotation on the London Stock Exchange as part of the Newsquest group which has 173 free and paid-for titles.

The present state of local newspapers is a clear case of the good guys winning against apparently impossible odds. To the outside world, local newspapers may not

be very glamorous. The stories may be very local - in fact the more local the better - and Lord Wakeham, chairman of the Press Complaints Commission, will not often have to worry about the paparazzi or invasions of privacy. But there was a moment a few years ago when it looked as if the future was bleak for the local press. Newsprint prices were soaring and the poor state of the economy was hitting its staple diet, classified ads for cars and

property. For good measure there was a large expansion of local commercial radio. Underlying it all was the thesis that newspapers were "mature" and doomed to slow, if not actually downright low, growth.

Highly paid consultants ran their computer models and decreed that the thing to do with mature businesses was to cut the costs as hard as you can and take the increased profits until maturity becomes senility. Anyway, who would want local newspapers in the age of the Internet and electronic

As with all mistaken ideas there was an element of truth in the analysis. There was certainly enough to convince most of the big publishers to get out of the business. Over the past couple of years there has been a rush for the door by everybody from Emap. the magazines and exhibition group, and Pearson, publishers of the Financial Times. to the International Thomson Organisation. It could have been a disaster for those who value their local publications as an essential contributor to a sense of community. In fact the opposite has happened. In place of those chanting their mantras that newspapers were mature businesses have come special-ist local newspaper publishers who believe in what they are doing.

increasing profits and in some cases actually opening new newspapers. The most recent figures from the Newspaper Society, the trade body, show that in the first six months of the year more than half the UK's local and regional newspapers increased their circula-tions at a time when there are unprecedent-ed media offerings from cable and satellite

TV, with 200 new channels on the way.

It is a joy to see the people who tried to write off an industry and a tradition get it so spectacularly wrong. They may even have to account to shareholders one day to explain why they got rid of trusted 100-year-old

why they got his of this thoryear-out brands too cheaply.

The simple truth is that people are, in an uncertain world of impersonal international communications, seeking to rekindle a

sense of belonging, a sense of localness. And even if the Internet does become ubiquitous, though it will probably take a generation, then local newspapers are the primary engines for providing information electronically, both editorial and advertisements. Seven of the largest regional groups have already got together found ADHunter, a database containing about 70 per cent of UK classified advertising. A Londoner, for example, who wants to

move to another part of Britain can use his computer to tap into a selection of appropriate job and property ads in the area of his choice. It is difficult to see how anyone other than the local newspaper could create such a database so costeffectively. They have the information aiready in electronic form.

Other papers such as the Trinity-owed Belfast Telegraph are already producing sophisticated electronic front pages on the Internet to cater to the Irish diaspora

hatever happens to Newsquest's shares next month, it will still be time for at least two cheers. The estimates suggest that the company will be valued at about £540 million. This is surely not bad for a company created when Reed Elsevier, the media and information giant, decided to sell its local papers to their managers because it was no longer interested in the sector. Then the same managers bought the Westminster Press local paper

group when Pearson lost interest.

Of course some of the Newsquest businesses are very mature indeed — papers such as the Berrow's Worcester Journal. which claims to be the world's oldest title in continuous publication.

# Why men become monsters

The film-maker Rex Bloomstein is fascinated by evil. Interview by Maggie Brown

hat drives people to com-mit wicked acis? Are torturers born or made? Is it possible to stop a country collapsing into tyranny by speaking out early? These are the profound questions raised by the human rights documentary-maker Rex Bloomstein in the austere but compelling series.

"I'm trying to prompt the audience to think more deeply about the issue. There are explanations," Mr Bloomstein says. "The ordinary viewer needs to look at himself and understand how fragile civilised behaviour is. Even in a totalitarian regime, there are moral choices. People choose."

What emerges through the programmes is not sermon, nor conventional documentary. Mr Bloomstein pursues his theme around the globe, through interviews with torturers and academic experts and psychologists. These are threaded with minimal commentary, and no music or special effects. It is television without frills.

The urgency makes it compelling.

Mr Bloomstein, 55, is well qualified to tackle this huge issue. He founded the regular BBC2 series Prisoners of Conscience (based on Caroline Moorehead's regular newspaper columns), which campaigned for individual sufferers. Much of Roots Of Evil can be traced directly to the contacts Mr Bloomstein has acquired as a documentary-maker and humanitarian. He arranged and conducted interviews with ex-torturers because of this knowledge, from victims, of where the guilty men could be found.

Trained at the BBC — he made his

first film in 1970 - he is most often associated with Strangeways, the award-winning series in 1980 about life inside the prison. It is credited with stimulating the creation of the Penal Reform Trust. The programmes also helped to open up prisons to the cameras. He has made 17 films about penal life, including Prisoners' Wives, The Sentence, Release and Lifers.

And he is a co-founder and trustees chairman of the Medical Foundation for the Care of Victims of Torture, the British charity that tries to rehabilitate refugees. Mr Bloomstein belongs to the old school of programme-makers who believe in public service broadcasting.

"I believe documentaries can activate people to do things. There is no point in



Rex Bloomstein raises profound questions about human rights in his documentary series Roots Of Evil

being worthy but dull. I have spoken, more than most, to people who have committed terrible crimes. One is struck forcibly by their ordinariness. There is a huge gap in our understanding of how apparently ordinary people do these things. Because they are in a minority ... it can be that at times of enormous dislocation, social upheaval, unscrupulous men and women can test depths of human potential for destruction and cruelty. I wanted to pose the question: how can a man become a torturer, how can a man kill his neighbour? Is evil within or outside?"

The series roams between Cambodia, Rwanda, Argentina, North America, Israel, Turkey and Britain, eclectically gathering information, which is spliced with historical footage about three particular tyrants, Idi Amin, Pol Pot and Saddam Hussein.

And they lit well with the current mood: The Nazis, A Warning From-History, on BBC2 has a very similar message about the choices individual people made in colluding with Hitler's terror. Next Sunday's programme examines how torturers are shared and motivated. Mr. Bloomstein explains how they are both brundlised and given an ideology, so that they treat their victims as both dehumanised creatures and threats to society. One of Mr Bloomstein's coups is an

interview with the Argentine torturer Adolfo Scilingo: he explains how he stripped and pushed drugged students, "the Disappeared", out of aeroplanes over the Atlantic. One ex-torturer, unnamed, filmed in shadow by Mr. Bioconstein, calmly explained that the aim was to get the information by breaking the victim in three hours.

"Minimum physical damage, maximum degree of pain." He talks beside an electric grill "bed", which combines with the picana, a type of electric prod, to form the theatre for torture. Prisoners died on this bed," he says.

e believes that brutalising men - his film shows the process used in Brazil of forcing cadets to crawl through sewage and blood and beg for food — is only part of the story. They have to be given a motive for viewing their victims as sub-human, "Idealism can be the most devastating impulse. It .

can cover a multitude of sins and can be an excuse for unmittigated horror." in many countries the authorities recruit torturers from the military police, and sift out those who are conditionable. They don't like people who are no ruthless. They like controlled people."

In another frank interview, the ex-Turkish torturer Mickael Sufhi, explains how he was selected from the ranks of new soldiers, and sent to an interrogation centre in Ankara. For two days, the recruits were themselves tornired into a state of compliant lear.

Suffil describes how they were taught the falala, bearings on the feet. until "pieces of meat" came away, and how he forced one victim to eat newspaper. But he cracked after a week, when he was sold to torture an eight-year-old boy. "It was too fast.

That child probably saved my life."

As Mr Bloomstein insists and his programmes teach: there are answers. Evil is fabricated within people, the potential runs through the heart of every person. These are not perfect programmes. But they make you think. • Roots Of Evil, Channel 4, Sundays, 9pm.

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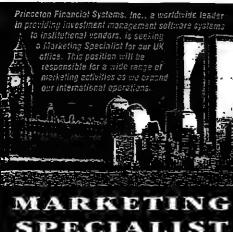
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dvertisements are getting gritty again and A starting to pay more attention to real life. They contain if not quite real people, then actors who have a passing resemblance.

The latest BT Friends and Family ad which launches on television tomorrow evening, was shot at a mobile "greasy spoon" in a lay-by off London's North Circular Road. The message is that "in the time taken to fry this egg" you could save 23 per cent off your phone bills with Friends and Family. The contrast with the famous actor approach in BT's central campaign - It's Good to Talk - is onsiderable.

For the more gritty, real-life ad, the advertising agency Abbott Mead Vickers went to Jon Harvey, a 33-year-old director who has specialised in television promos. Harvey was one of the team involved in the "Olympic" rings transformation of Channel 4's onscreen identity but, more centrally he has helped to give the channel its "cool" look by shooting the promos that go between the programmes. Harvey, who works for Tsunami Films, which specialises in bringing on directors who have worked in a variety of media, has written and directed more than 200 of the individual spots between Channel 4 programmes many based on interviews with Jennifer Aniston, Helena Christensen, Rory Bremner and Father Ted. as well as "people off the street". In the increasingly competitive

attention, Harvey says, is being paid to filming proper promos instead of lashing together a few clips from upcoming programmes.

The BT brief for its latest ad was to set the scripts in real situations with actors talking conversationally to camera. They could be on to

something. Harvey, who started in graphic design at Goldsmiths' College, has worked on other ads for The Express and Andrex. He intends to continue working in marketing and advertising but naturally he also has ambitions to progress on to drama and films, as many others have done before him.

RAYMOND SNODDY

# Crafting Blair's speech

The Prime Minister's party address is really a chance to speak to the nation. Months of planning ensure its seamless execution, says Dan Clifton

t had all the production values of a boxing title fight. The darkened hall, the spodights, the handshakes with the crowd, right down to the tracking cameras beaming back the shots to the e television audience.

When Tony Blair rose yeserday to give what is still quaintly known as the Parlianentary Report by the Leader of the Labour Party to this vear's annual Labour conference, he was launching one of

the great set pieces of the political calendar, an event There is wrapped in expectation and ritual. The irony of the leader's speech is

nothing like a that, though ostensibly delivered for good the benefit of the party members in set-piece the hall, in reality they are the least event' significant audience. More impor-

tant by far is the audience watching the news bulletins at home, followed closely by the journalists in the hall who shape the next day's headlines. A great deal of effort is expended by the party machine to ensure that things go well for these two key

For the Prime Minister and his staff, the speech becomes a focus of activity once everyone has returned from summer holidays. When Blair lived in Islington, he used to dictate drafts of the speech as he sat in his garden soaking up the autumn sun. Now he uses the relative calm of Chequers to think without interruption.

For the speech, he draws on a wide range of inspiration and help, in a process of constant revising and honing down. At the centre are his key advisers, his press secretary Alastair Campbell and his longstanding policy adviser David Miliband. Other members of staff from Downing Street, as well as outside

advisers, play a role too. Tradition demands that the speech pushes a series of buttons - foreign affairs and defence, home affairs, the health service, and so on. The media demands that it should say something "new", and over the past few weeks his staff have been working on devising the policy "nuggets", as we called them

in Millbank, considered essential for driving the news headlines. In Government, such nuggets have the added advantage of representing something real and practical rather than a mere promise. The Downing Street postbag is also a source of

inspiration, which in the weeks after the death of Diana, Princess of Wales, has been even fuller than usual. The final result is very much

Blair's own. Throughout Monday, as he was holed up in his Brighton hotel room putting the final touches to the speech, the media and spinning operation was gearing up. The planning starts early. In

May of 1996, not long after I'd joined Labour's Millbank machine as broadcasting officer, I was summoned to Peter Mandelson's office for a meeting to discuss how we could make best use of the one week of the year when we would have the media's undivided attention. As campaign manager. Mandelson was in overall charge of the crucial preelection conference, and had invited some media professionals to join the discussion.



Labour of love: the leader's speech is one of the great set pieces of the political year

around a number of ideas some crazy, some less so could the leader's speech be moved into television prime time? The broadcasters would feel compelled to cover it. securing a better audience. We talked about improving the seating arrangements during the speech, radically redesigning the set by extending the

to improve the presentation. Most of the suggestions proved impracticable, but some of the ideas were incorporated into the set design by Jackie Stacey. Labour's maestro of presentation.

The television and press photographers have to be looked after. Here, the trick is

stage, and using video inserts to make sure they have access to clean shots during the speech, without upsetting one another or the audience. A good front page picture of the Prime Minister tells a thousand words. Last year we negotiated directly with the photographers, setting up ground rules for their position-ing, and for the broadcasters

the speech. The previous year my predecessor had been punched on the nose by an over-exuberant snapper. For the print media, carefully crafted strategy is in

used diagrams to chart Blair's exit from the hall at the end of

place, beginning with briefing for the Sunday papers to set the tone of the week and anticipate some of the key points of the speech. Then late on Monday afternoon, Alastair Campbell and other members of the Prime Minister's press staff rang round the political editors, giving them. in so far as is possible, a different line from the speech for the next day's papers.

After Blair has sat down,

iournalists rush to the press office area for Campbell's informal post-speech briefing. At the same time, MPs and ministers spill out from the hall towards the television cameras for reaction. Every-thing is designed to reflect and build on the speech's content.

Yet in a way, the Parliamentary Report is an odd anachronism. In our media-driven times, political judgments are formed through a television set, not through long-winded speeches. Innovations are creeping in, such as the question and answer sessions pioneered by Blair and used effectively during John Major's final conference as Prime Minister last year. Despite Labour's reputation for leaving nothing to chance, the truth is that Blair is perhaps the only modern politician skilled to deal with such unscripted appearances. Perhaps these innovations will one day reach the Labour conterence Moor. But in po tics, there is nothing like a good set-piece event, locked into the diary for months, an event where you are expected to show off your very best, but where the media coverage is guaranteed. That is why so much preparation goes into that short time, and why, oldfashioned though it may be, if the leader's speech didn't exist, it would have to be invented.

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# PAPER ROUND Richard Stott

# Why her story had to be told

There is one immutable law in journalism: if you fashion a guideline, a rule, an instruction, something will come along sooner rather than later that will kick the whole thing up in the air. This week it happened and The Times, rather unusually, was the paper wearing

Only last week we all didn't we, that the days of intrusion, gratuitous privacy breaches and unjustified coverage of Diana's two children were out. A new age was open us, the newspapers, tabloids you understand, had learnt their lesson. Live and let live. The royals in particular must be allowed space to come to terms with the tragedy in their midst, a tragedy to which the tabloids had contributed to a greater or lesser degree depending on your

point of view. What then are we to make of The Times's decision to serialise the foreword to Andrew Morton's latest applate of his seminal work Diana — Her True Story? It is no doubt true that Mr Morton, aiready a millionaire from his original publication, is cashing in on her death by revealing that she

ight of the whole project. It is also true that the BBC light of the whole issued a video of the funeral and the profits do not go entirely to charity. There have already been countiess glossy tributes and no doubt there not produced to lose money. In death, Diana, Princess of Wales, is bigger money than she was in life. That's life. What is also life is that

newspapers are there to report facts, sometimes uncomfortable facts, sometimes facts people do not want to hear. But if we shy away from them because we are frightened to tell the truth because we fear the reaction, then that is a bigger threat to the credibility and freedom of newspapers than any tabloid excesses. That is why The Times was right to publish Morton's

TOTEWORD AND ADV that carps about it is either doing so through commercial self-interest or suggesting we adopt a censorship cabal that breaks faith with its readers. We are there to tell you how it is and with Diana her closeand covert co-operation with Morton was how it was, however much papers that despised her in life may now carol her sainthood in death. We do her memory no service by attempting to caricature her as a saint hounded .

to death by yob newspapers. It

is not true. She used them and Morton because she was a unhappy woman caught in a marriage she was never prepared for, wed to a man who was in love with another's wife. Once she realised that and that there was no escape, a hideous cocktail of psychological and physical pain followed without any sympathy from her in-laws. That is why she went to Morton. That is why she revealed her condition and

her unhappiness. This was Diana on the couch. She wanted us to know about her vulnerability, her despair, her determination to survive in spite of the implacaace. That she had to turn to Morton, a former tabloid reporter, shows the depth of

ble face of Buckingham Palthat despair. We do her no service by attacking Morton for writing

or The Times for

publishing it. For the Royal Family 'In death, complain that this hinders the healing process for Diana is ry is rich indeed: bigger wounds were openied years ago money and the royals turned their backs than she on the bleeding. We will not be able was in life' to exorcise this hor-

> understand accept what happened - from the moment Diana was selected as a virgin bride for a middle-aged man desperate for a wife with no "form".

None of these revelations reflects badly on Diana. She was no saint and was the first to admit it; that is one of the reasons why the people loved her. It is no accident that her privileged friends thought the Panorama interview was Diana at her worst while the rest of the country thought it Diana at her best.

This was a woman driven with pain, rejected by a family that could not understand the creature they helped to create, racked by self-doubt, always hover-ing on the brink of any abyss. This is what Morton's latest revelations show all too clearit and it is right that The

Times should publish it. But that is not enough. We must make sure this never happens agam. We will not do that by blaming newspapers for telling us the fairytale was actually a nightmare. We will get nowhere by turning our backs on the truth. That is what the Queen; Prince Philip and Prince Charles did. And look what happened.

 Richard Stott is a former Editor of the Daily Mirror, The People and Today.

### In our final extract from All Our Todays, Paul Donovan describes one of the great double-acts on radio

rian Redhead arrived at Today in 1975. A loquacious and boisterous Geordie, he had made his name in Manchester, or the Athens of the North, as he always liked to think of his adopted city. Editor of the Manchester Evening News for six years, he had left in a fit of pique after failing to win the editorship of its sister paper, The Guardian.

Both he and John Timpson were white,
middle-class, middle-aged men who sent their

children to fee-paying schools. Even today, Timpson says that the one thing they had in common was that they "both enjoyed showing off". Despite what the press quoted them as saying at the time. Timpson concedes now that they never became great friends. They never did much socialising and they never visited one another's homes in all their years together. The first and only time Timpson saw Redhead's home was at his funeral.

But the professional association they eventually — enjoyed in the studio was as powerful as the personal gulf that stretched between them, and they grew into one of the greatest and best-loved partnerships in the

history of broadcasting.
It was not simply that, to a nation with a ready ear for the nuances of class and district, they represented North and South, tenor and baritone, town and country: though certainly they did play on those differences in their pingpong verbal exchanges. It was more funda-mental than that they had different senses of humour, different senses of what was important on and off the programme, different approaches to life.

Away from work. Redhead liked to do things: Timpson liked to do very little, except eat and sleep and potter about. Redhead was a serious man who saw public activity, and thus the public acts of politicians, and the polls which elected them, as vital to the nation's health. Timpson was profoundly bored by politics and politicians and much preferred to entertain with a quip or a joke, chuckling over innocent little advertisements such as "Eight thick sausages - Irish recipe" or unfortunate headlines like "Crash Course for Learner

Redhead was a classic only child, vain and (literally) self-interested, proud of having won a place to Newcastle's Royal Grammar School and gone on to Downing College, Cambridge, where he took a first in Part I of his History

# Unbeatable duo who enjoyed showing off



Timpson and Redhead: despite what was quoted in the press, they were not close friends

Tripos (but only a second in Part 2 which of course he did not mention). Timpson, by contrast, had found academic

work formidably hard, and at the age of 16 left Merchant Taylor's by mutual consent. He recalls: "The big difference as far as I was concerned was that Brian had risen to far dizzier heights in journalism than I had. I was slightly overawed when I first worked with him. I thought, my word, here's one of the great men of journalism and I'm put up here heside him. But that wore off after a bit. He was just

another chap and one got through life." Libby Purves (who presented *Today* from 1978-1981) remembers: "Brian was a chippy Geordic up from the people and. God didn't he know it, ex-newspaper editor. He used to go round saying he was the only real journalist here. He was verbally extremely acute, and mannered, and bumptious. He loved the networking, the conferences, the big meetings, he liked being on the inside track. John didn't give a stuff about being on the inside track.

"We used to collect Brianisms. There was a famous one when he was in Rhodesia and some kind of row had suddenly blown up overnight about sanctions-busting and he came on and said on the programme 'Yes, I told Peter Carrington |Lord Carrington, Foreign Secretary, 1979-82] about it this morning and he was as shocked as I was . . . We all used to fall about. 'I was speaking to a lady the other day. The Queen actually ... that was the

On Thursday July 15, 1982. Brian's youngest son was killed in a road accident in France. William, "a golden youth" as his father described him, was 18 years old. He had just left Cheadle Hulme School, was going up to Cambridge the following October, and had his whole life before him.

The death of William, Timpson recalls, seemed to deepen Brian and bring out a gentle side to his character. "When he put aside his bluff exterior and all the intellectual stuff, he was a very sensitive chap, and this came out so much after his boy got killed, which was a terrible period. There wasn't a flicker from Brian for some time. He did his job, he did it extremely well, but the banter stopped. I don't think he got over it, but he put it behind him."

Timpson and Redhead went on to enjoy their finest period in the mid-1980s. Charles Nevin put it like this: "[They are| known to their audience as 'Me' and 'Him' ... 'Me' is Redhead, ex-newspaper editor, talker, thinker, a man not given to ostentatious self-doubt.

Him is Timpson, an avuncular Auntie man." But by the mid-1980s, Timpson was getting increasingly tired of the party conferences, the travel and the grind of getting up at four in the morning. Most irksome for him was the growing seriousness and, in his view, humourlessness of the programme, which stemmed chiefly from the nastiness of party polities and the growing hostility between the BBC and the Thatcher Government. His final programme. of nearly 3,000, was on Christmas Eve 1986.

Fresh into the job of editor. Jenny Abramsky had to find a presenter to succeed Timpson. "A friend of mine who worked in television said that John Humphrys was not happy co-presenting the Nine O'Clock News with Julia Somerville. So I rang him up and asked whether he'd come and have a chat. And then I rang Ron Neil, who was editor of television news, and said would he object if John Humphrys came and joined Today as a presenter? It was a very risky thing, because we couldn't try him out. I just had to take the gamble. John made the right judgment. A lot of his television colleagues thought he was bonkers. They just didn't realise the power of the Today programme, but John did." All Our Todays by Paul Donovan is published by Jonathan Cape on October 9, £15.99

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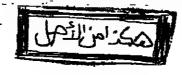
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In a dramatic gesture to Sinn Fein, Mo Mowlam, the Northern Ireland Secretary, announced that internment without trial would be removed from the statute book. She said "radical" new anti-terrorist legislation would no longer contain the power to intern suspected paramilitaries ....

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Seven bottlenose dolphins ride a wave at a beach south of Sydney. The photographer said he had been waiting all his life for such a shot

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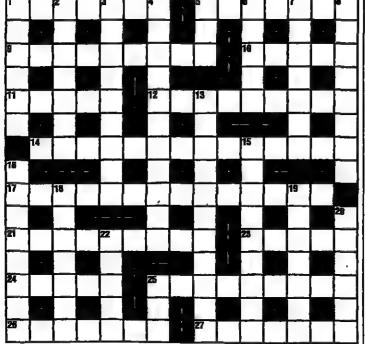
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### BOOKS Peter Ackroyd on Andrew Motion's

☐ General: Scotland and northern England will have a cold, windy day. The wind will reach gate force at times with frequent blustery showers in the

north and west and the best of any sunny spells in the east. Northern Ireland, Wales and Eng-land, with the exception of the south coast, will be much cooler than of late with sunny spells and isolated showers. In the Irish Republic, rain will clear to give aurnry intervals. The south coast of England will be dull and misty with apots of rain clearing in the

with spots of real togathy and statement to surray spells.

Tonight Scotland will be windy and cold with showers, especially along the west coast and hills, while England and Wales will be mainly cool and dry, with long clear spells. There

will, however, be a few showers in northern England. Cludon, SE, Cent S, SW England, Channel Isles: starting dull and murky with drizzle in places. Cool and dry with sunshine by the afternoon. Moderate west wind. Max 19C (66F). ☐ E Anglie, Midlands, S Wales, E, Cent N, NE England: surry spells, a few showers. Fresh to strong west wind. Max 18C (64F). N Wales, NW England, Lakes, lott: surshine and showers with a

strong and gusty northwest wind. Max 16C (61F). □ Borders, Edinburgh & Dundee Aberdeen, Glasgow, Central High-lands, Moray Firth: windy with pessing showers mixed with sunny spells. Strong to gale force west to northwest wind. Max 15C (59F).

Cl SW, NW, NE Scotland, Argyll, Orkney, Shetland, N Ireland: cold and windy with showers, heavy at times especially over hills and exposed coasts. A strong to gale force northwest wind. Mex 13C (55F). ☐ Republic of Ireland: rain, drizzle clearing then bright with surnry intervals. Winds moderate west or northwest. Max 17C (63F).

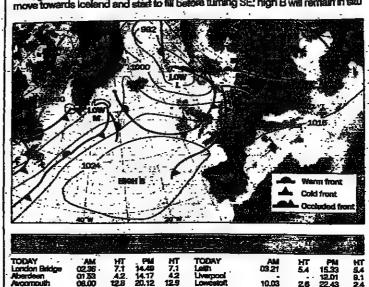
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soon after an auction." However,

the nature of political leaks is such

that it is by no means certain that

☐ The Bank yesterday announced

plans for two further gilt auctions -

on October 29 and November 26.

The first auction will be of 7.25 per

cent gilts maturing in 2007. The second will be in the maturity range

of between 2003 and 2004.

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# Treasury faces protests over alleged gilts leak

By Janet Bush, economics editor

LEADING players in the British government bond market are to protest to the Treasury about its alleged leaking of a price-sensitive story the day after an auction of

Although several large firms are believed to have turned helty profits, a number of gilt market-makers made significant trading losses last Friday after the Financial Times reported that the Cabinet had hifted towards a more positive view of joining the single currency.

after a £1.5 billion auction of 8 per cent 25-year gilts. It dramatically changed the trading environment in the gilt market and badly wrongfooted many gilt market-makers.

When the auction was held, the perception was still that Britain remained sceptical of joining a single currency. Gilt-market profes-sionals tended to be positive about long-dated bonds, but were holding short positions in the short-dated and medium-dated maturities.

Friday's EMU report dramatically changed the relative attractivecurve. Short-dated and mediumdated stocks rallied strongly while long bonds underperformed, leaving market-makers with completely the wrong positions.

The aftermath of the auction made matters worse. Although the sale appeared to have received a was little final customer demand and many market-makers were left with large amounts of long bonds on their books.

Most hedged these positions by selling gilt futures. When the EMU story broke in the FT, futures prices

Market-markers placed blame for their losses on the Treasury, which they believe leaked the EMU report to the FT. Treasury officials have subsequently denied this, and Gordon Brown, the Chancellor, and Robin Cook, Foreign Secretary, continue to insist that EMU policy has not changed.

One senior gilts trader said: "If it is a leak, then admit it is a leak. Don't sit there and deny it for four days. The whole thing is farcical." He expressed dismay that the tive to the repercussions for the gilt market so soon after an auction, and said that he would be making a complaint to the Treasury.

The Treasury is planning to take management of the national debt inhouse by the beginning of the next financial year. This role currently resides with the Bank of England. The Bank yesterday declined to comment on the widespread unease being expressed by market makers.

One market-maker said yesterday: This has been so badly

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**Biggest** 

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**Britain** 

BY JON ASHWORTH BARNES & NOBLE, the

world's largest bookseller, is

million-pound venture in the

UK book market, bringing It head-to-head with established

players such as Dillons, Waterstone's and WH Smith.

A 15-strong British team, led by Mark Gould, formerly

of Dixons and John Menzies,

has been investigating poten-

tial sites for the American company, which pioneered the book "superstore" in the

US. The team is understood to

have pinned down several UK

locations. Investment would

run to millions of pounds, creating hundreds of jobs.

The move would pit Barnes

& Noble against Borders

Group, its main US rival,

which is buying Books etc, the London-based book chain, for

£40 million. The deal prom-

ises to hasten a trend towards

US-style bookselling, involv-

ing stores equipped with cof-

fee shops and lounges. Waterstone's, owned by WH

Janet Bush, page 29

### Record £450,000 fine for **Friends**

BY CAROLINE MERRELL

FRIENDS PROVIDENT, one of the UK's biggest life insurance companies, has been fined a record £450,000 by the Personal Investment Authority (PIA), the regulator, for failing to deal with its quickly enough.

The company must also pay £20,000 costs. The PLA is considering disciplinary action against a further four companies over dethose who have been encouraged to give up rights their employers' schemes in favour of tak-

Friends Provident said it had decided not to contest the PIA's action because it wanted to co-operate with its regulators. The com-pany claimed that it had very few mis-selling cases compared with other compenies involved in the

According to its figures, it has only 6,414 possible pensions cases, compared with more than 60,000 cases on the Prodential's books. The statement claimed: The PIA has decided to line and repri-mand Friends Provident for its failure to meet the interim date of March 31, 1997 for its priority cases Friends Provident is being judged as at a date retrospectively chosen by the PIA."

Four other companies had to meet compensation deadlines yesterday. These included Lloyds TSB. the Pru and Guardian. Lloyds TSB and Guardian said they had managed to meet this deadline. However, the Pru, which is regulated by the Securities and Investments Board, admitted that it had missed the first compensation deadline. It. however, will escape a fine because the SIB does not have the power to fine panies it regulates. A Prudential spokeswoman said it would sort out priority cases within weeks rather than months.

Earlier this week Midland Bank was fined £150,000 by the Investment Management Regulatory Organisation for encouraging customers to transfer out of occupationat schemes in order to take out a personal pension.

# Cordiant executives in line for £150m demerger payout

MEDIA EDITOR

CORDIANT'S 140 top executives could share about £150 million if they hit tough financial targets designed to create an "ownership cul-ture", after the demerger of the international advertising

Shareholders were given details yesterday of the demerger plan under which Saatchi & Saatchi will become a separate listed company and Cordiant will change its name to Cordiant Communications.

The Saatchi & Saatchi business will mainly be made up of the Saatchi & ing network and CCG will be mainly Bates Worldwide. the United States advertising group acquired by Saatchi's in 1986.

About 70 people in each of the two separate companies will be able to take part in the incentive scheme and those involved will pay up to a maximum of £150,000 in cash after giving up bonus entitle

If there is no growth in earnings per share, the execu-tives will lose their money. Five per cent growth will mean no additional return. If earnings per share growth averages 25 per cent a year to the year 2001, a £50,000 stake in the scheme will turn into £800.000.

The executive directors who will invest £150,000 could, in theory, get as much as £2.4 million each spread over two years.

However, they have an additional hurdle to get over to receive the maximum payout. Half of their awards will





Michael Bungey, left, and Bob Seelert flank Charlie Scott, the chairman of Cordiant Communications Group, as they announce the demerger

return measured against nine or companies. Michael Bungey, the chief

executive of Cordiant Communications Group, yesterday said that, to achieve the top award, the two companies would have to be the leaders worldwide in the advertising industry in the return to investors.

"Ir's a tall order. If we do it, the shareholders will be in the Bahamas," said Mr Bungey, a Briton who will be running the more US-orientated Cordiant Communications. Bob Seelert, an American who will be in charge of Saatchi & Saatchi, historically the more British-orientated part of the international busi-

ness, explained yesterday that the aim of the demerger was more than anything about getting the companies on their front foot for the future". Many people date the diffi-

culties of the Saatchi brothers, Maurice and Charles, from the decision to buy Bates in the United States, and the loss of business that resulted from feared conflicts of commercial

Other cultural differences are less marked now; Mr Seelert notes that Saatchi's had a "we can do the impossible" culture, while Bates was more traditional and more

The City believes that the demerger, under which share-holders will receive one share in each company for every two present Cordiant shares, will

add immediately to value. A share price of 75p to 85p is being forecast for each entity, compared with Cordiant's £1.20 at present.

Cordiant vesterday revealed strong profit growth for the six months to the end of June - a

profit to £20.2 million on revenue up 7 per cent to £359.9

Zenith, the group's media planning and buying arm, which will be owned 50-50 by the demerged companies, had earnings before tax and interest of £8.3 million.

Subject to shareholder approval, separate dealing in the shares of both companies

### Smith, has just opened a superstore in Glasgow - the biggest bookshop to open in the UK in 50 years — featur-ing CD listening booths and Internet browsing facilities.

Barnes said that nothing had been finalised on UK sites. A spokesman said: "We have not signed any leases. We are in an exploratory stage." Barnes & Noble is the

leading operator of book superstores in America, with 454 stores and a further 559 outlets in shopping malls.

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# Stanford Rook's 'miracle cure' for TB fails

By PAUL DURMAN

BRITAIN'S biotechnology industry suffered another blow yesterday when Stanford Rook, a company backed by University College London, revealed that its tuberculosis

drug did not work. The drug, based on the M vaccae bacterium, was almost entirely responsible for the £100 million valuation placed on Stanford Rook, which had ranked it as seventh-largest company on the Alternative Investment Market. The bad news from phase three trials in South Africa caused the company's shares to plummet from 540p to 150p.

Although a favourite of speculators, with its shares often tipped by newspapers, medical experts had previously cast doubt on the validity of Stanford Rook's claims. Scientists from the World Health Organisation and the London School of Hygiene and Tropical Medicine have questioned the quality of the early work on M vaccae, while the company's former managing director has said he refused to take part in its flotation because of the extent of his doubts.

Stanford Rook was the centre of controversy last year because of a press release describing it as the "miracle TB cure company". The company has always denied it was re-

sponsible, blaming the release on an over-enthusiastic freelance journalist. Melvyn Davies, finance director. said the company still had a future, and hoped to use the drug to treat cancer and allergies such as hay-fever. He added: "We still think the drug is effective in boosting the immune system. We have not been able

to prove it works in this trial of TB." The South African trial found the drug showed no signs of efficacy on

any of several clinical measures. Mr Davies said that the company still has nearly £6 million, and is spending £2 million a year. However, it will now have to seek partners to develop its other projects.

University College made about £4.5 million last year when it sold half its stake in Stanford to Peter Young, the Morgan Grenfell fund manager. Deutsche Morgan Grenfell sold its 11 per cent holding earlier this year.

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### Penguin agrees deal on illegal discounts

FROM OLIVER AUGUST

PENGUIN BOOKS, the Pearson subsidiary, has agreed to pay unspecified compensation to settle a dispute over illegal dis-counts to some US book-

Pearson has already taken a £100 million charge against profits as a result of the dispute.

Earlier this year Penguin said it had discovered that one of its managers had offered large bookthose for smaller shops in violation of an agreement with the American Booksellers Association (ABA).

A Penguin spokesman said: This settlement is one of several steps Penthe integrity of our collection system and to ensure that an equal treatment policy is adhered to." Barbara Bonds Thom-

as. ABA president and owner of Toad Hall Books in Austin, Texas, said: "We commend Penguin for agreeing to provide compensation for independent booksellers that did not have access to the same terms as others."

Penguin did not admit any wrongdoing in the settlement. The company has filed a lawsuit against Christina Galatro, the former manager. It alleges she defrauded the company of \$1.4 million, and she is being prosecuted under racketeering legisla-tion designed to light organised crime.

Penguin alleges that she conspired with an outside collection agent "in a pattern of racketeering activity consisting of mail fraud, wire fraud, illegal monetary transaction, bank fraud, money-laundering and commercial bribery". Ms Galatro has said that she is being made a scapegoat for the violations.

The need to offer the same price to every US bookseller stems from a 1995 court-enforced agreement struck between the ABA and book publishers, including Penguin.



David Chance, left. BSkyB deputy managing director, Martin Edwards, Manchester United chief executive, and Steve Morrison

# Shell shake-up puts 3,000 jobs at risk in Europe

ALMOST 3,000 jobs are at risk as Shell launches a restructuring of its European downstream operations, affecting refineries and petrol

in response to fierce competition and criticism of its return on capital compared with its rival BP, Shell is reorganising its European oil products division, comprising retining and marketing.

Management in these areas will be "de-layered" and un-necessary duplication between

REED ELSEVIER, the Anglo-Dutch publisher, has called in

a top team of lawyers and

accountants to investigate how

circulation figures at its Reed

airline and hotel directories

came to be overstated, leaving

it facing compensation claims

The Audit Bureau of Circulations is working with

of £125 million or more.

countries eliminated. Decisions will be made on a broader, pan-European basis. The creation of a new management services company may lead to savings through outsourcing.

One analyst estimated that the annualised, pre-tax benefit of the changes could eventually be up to \$700 million (about £433 million) and suggested there might be room for

further cuts in staffing. Phil Turberville, the director for Shell's oil products

**Reed Elsevier investigation** 

By Jon Ashworth

sen to establish how circula-

tion statements in Reed Travel

Group publications came to be

overstated. Advertisers were

overcharged for five years in

some cases after incorrect cir-

culation figures were issued.

Reed said that it will pay

compensation to advertisers. lines, and the Hyatt and it will be making a "substan- Sheraton hotel groups are

tial" write-down on the value among companies to advertise

business in Europe, said: "Although costs are clearly a be affected over the next two or three years, but a spokesman said this does not imply 2,850 factor, this change is focused redundancies. Other options on long-term growth in an increasingly competitive busiinclude redeployment. The changes are subject to formal ness environment." The move follows the anconsultation with staff.

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In the UK, about 2,500 nouncement of a shake-up in Shell's chemicals operation people are employed directly earlier this month, which by Shell in downstream oil failed to excite the City, despite being described as "radical" activities, but this does not include subsidiaries and conby management tract staff. It is not thought

Shell said 15 per cent of the oil products division's 19,000 that closure of refineries is

tigation will centre on num-

bers audited by VAC, a circu-

lation audit firm based in

California. The findings will

be put to the Reed audit

committee of non-executive

British Airways, United Air-

being considered. Shell wants to increase return on capital employed to 15 per cent for its refining and marketing activities in Europe. One analyst, who welcomed the reorganisation as "very, very good news", claimed the return was a long way from that target. Shell would not give its own current figure.

The refining and marketing activities had 47,000 retail sites under the Shell brand in 1996, Europe had 13,000 sites. Shell has 16 fully or partlyowned refineries in Europe and 54 worldwide. The share price of its London-quoted arm, Shell Transport and Trading, closed un-changed at 435 p.

### Man Utd to launch its own television channel

MANCHESTER UNITED. the biggest and most successful quoted football club in Britain, has struck a deal to launch its own television Newcastle United and Liverpool set to make similar deals before Christmas

The channel will be produced by Granada Media, the ITV company, and British Sky Broadcasting, the satellite group 40 per cent owned by News International, owner of The Times. Newcastle United and Liverpool are still in talks with the two companies.
Steve Morrison, chief exec-

utive of Granada Media, said: "We approached all three companies together and are currently in talks with Newcastle and Liverpool. No. decisions have yet been made. This the first deal in what I think will become a trend."

The cost of setting up United's channel would be less than £10 million, he said, with the monthly subscription expected to be under £10.

The channel, to be called MUTV, will be broadcast on digital, satellite and cable services from this time next year, and will show live and recorded coverage of the club's youth, reserve and tour. matches, plus archive footage. It will not be able to provide live coverage of United's Pre-miership games, because they are corrently broadcast

exclusively by BSkyB. United yesterday reported an 80 per cent rise in pre-tax profits for the year to July 31, from £15.4 million to £27.6 million, on turnover of £88 million, up 65 per cent from £53.3 million.

Earnings per share rose by 61 per cent to 29.8p, from 18.4p. A final dividend of 4.3p (3.6p), due on November 26 makes 6.2p (5.2p). The results were boosted by growing income from television companies and sponsorship. Chelsea Village, the Pre-miership football club floated on the Alternative Investment Market, cut annual pre-tax losses from £2.9 million to £376,000. Losses per share fell from 2.47p to 0.24p. No divi-

### BUSINESSECURIOUP

### DTI's £1m to defuse millennium 'bomb'

MARGARET BECKETT, President of the Board of Trade, is to cut the financial lifeline to Taskforce 2000, the millennium timebomb awareness group fronted by Robin Guenier. The Department of Trade and Industry said yesterday that Action 2000, a new group staffed by figures from industry, will replace Mr Guenier's organisation and receive all future

government funding.

The new body, which will help businesses to adjust their computer systems to recognise dates in the new millennium, will be given a £1 million budget. A DTI spokesman said that Mr Guenier's future in the government will be decided by body's new chairman. He added that Mr Guenier himself is "unlikely" to be considered for the post. Mr Guenier, a lawyer, repeatedly claimed that the Government is not taking the problem seriously and suggested that it is reluctant to finance a comprehensive solution. Commentary, page 27

### Lister in administration

LISTER & CO, the Bradford textiles company, has been placed in administration, blaming cashflow constraints and the strength of the pound. Hunter Kelly and Gareth Hughes of Ernst & Young have been appointed joint administrators of the company, which saw its shares suspended at 10p on the London Stock Exchange last week pending clarification of its financial position. Lister Yarns employs 191 people in Hey-wood, Lancashire. Lister Fabrics produces upholstery fabrics and velvets at Manningham, Bradford, and employs 132

### CRH expands in US

CRFL, the building materials group, added hought a further 23 branches for its US distribution network yesterday through the purchase of four businesses for \$37.8 million (£23.4 million). The four companies purchased are RSI Wholesale, American Pacific Supply and Builders Supply, together with the assets of A&R Supply. Goodwill from these acquisitions amounted to \$16 million. CRH said that the companies had combined trading profits of \$5.3 million on combined 1996 sales of \$115 million. CRH shares rose 2½p to 702½p.

### **C&W** increases stake

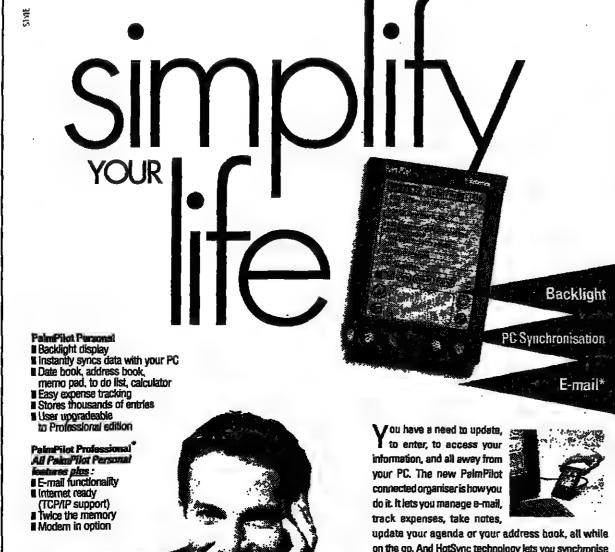
CABLE & WIRELESS, the UK telecommunications company, has acquired an additional 5.75 per cent interest in AsiaSat, the satellite operator, for £36.7 million. The stake was acquired from Hutchison Whampoa and lifts C&W's interest to 28.73 per cent. In a parallel transaction CITIC, an investment vehicle of the Chinese government, made a similar purchase from Hutchison and now also holds 28.73 per cent of AsiaSat. Hutchison's holding falls to 11.49 per cent.

### Delphi seeking £36m

DELPHI GROUP, the information technology solutions com-pany, yesterday announced a US public offering of shares on the Nasdaq exchange that is expected to raise about £36 million before expenses to fund acquisitions. Last month Delphi raised \$50 million via a private placement of senior notes. The company said America was key to the long-term development of the business. Delphi reported interim pre-tax profits up 20 per cent, to £22 million; earnings up 10 per cent, to 16.6p a share; and the interim dividend up 20 per cent, to 2.4p.

### A&H falls after warning

SHARES in Acatos & Hutcheson fell 142 p yesterday after the edible oils manufacturer gave warning that the continued strength of sterling was having an adverse impact on business. Profit margins were being sacrificed to maintain vol-umes in the face of competition from suppliers in northern Europe who are targetting targeting the UK market. The company has incurred additional costs in the redevelopment of its London factory. A&H also announced the £8 million purchase of Leon Frenkel, a bottler of olive oil.



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### Falklands company to float in London

By Adam Jones

THE biggest company in the Thomas Potts, the AIA Faikland Islands, with interests ranging from shipping to the famed Upland Goose pub, is poised for a listing on the London Stock Exchange.

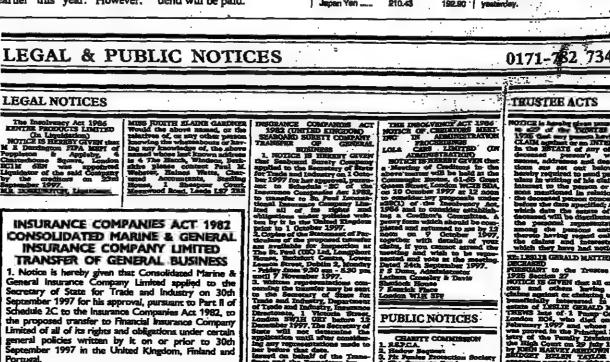
The Falkland Islands Company (FIC) is owned by Anglo United, the debt-ridden coal and chemicals company.

Anglo had planned to list FIC after selling its Coalite fuel operation. The sale of Coalite had been arranged earlier this year. However, quoted company, pulled out the £24.3 million deal. Yesterday, Anglo resurred ed the plan to list the Fall

lands businesses as a way returning some value. Anglo lost £1.3 million be fore tax in the year to Marc 31, compared with a loss

£38.3 million previously, whe £29.4 million was lost on disposal. Bank debt on Marc 31 was £192 million. No div

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he sound of the Millennium time bomb ticking
has reached Margaret
Beckett and she is stumping up
£1 million to help industry defuse
the problem. It would appear
that she is also gently sidelining
Robin Guenier, who has made
the issue a personal crusade His the issue a personal crusade. His Taskforce 2000 is to be superceded by Action 2000 and although its leader has still be revealed, the only certainty is that it is not R. Guenier.

Mr Guernier is a true believer in the Millennium bug and its capacity to wreak havoc everywhere from nuclear power sta-tions to the kitchen fridge. He has painted so appalling a pic-ture that more measured individ-uals have dismissed him as a scaremonger. In so doing, they may have been in danger of dismissing a problem that is undoubtedly real.

Major institutions have woken up to the risks inherent in their chips and are investing heavily in adapting technology to the new century. But they are aware that many client companies are choosing to ignore the problems and fear that the bug could prove infectious even for those who have tried to protect themselves against the disease.

Mr Guernier was apt to talk about a multibillion-pound liability and riots in the streets as the potential result of failing to address the Millennium problem. He was surely erring on the high side. But it is only the true

# Beckett gets Millennium bug

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optimist who will believe that Mrs Beckett's £1 million will be enough to put things right.

This is likely to produce an extraordinary effect in the finan-cial market as we head towards the end of the century. What investment banker or broker is going to be prepared to hear the stroke of midnight on December 31, 1999, in the knowledge that he has on his books some dangerously open positions?

Exposure to risk may be part of the normal line of duty but exposure to the potential domino effect of the Millennium bug on settlement systems is likely to be regarded as a risk too far. So the prospect is of international financial markets drawing to an abrupt New Year's Eve halt. The outcome of such an artificial interruption would be abnormal and impossible to predict.

There are some complacent bodies who believe that they have already done all these interests.

already done all that is necessary to ensure that their systems will cope with the change of century. They should take note of the story currently amusing City lunch tables about the bank that felt it was ahead of the game. So sure was it that every last chip was properly programmed that one recent Saturday it pulled in



its boffins for a make-believe New Year's Eve test run. They had no difficulty speeding the computer clock forward to the fateful moment but that is when the funds stopped. The efficient systems required regular verifi-cation of passwords. Not having had it for several years, they were unable to recognise the codes for those clever souls who were about to venture into the new dawn. A chorus of Auld Lang

Belated justice is just for bureaucrats

Syne provided little comfort.

rnie, famed generator of random premium bond prizes, would surely have understood the fines now being levied by City regulators on life assurance companies for selling people the wrong pension schemes. So would Ernie's 1990s

that are pulsed into action to throw up winning numbers for the National Lottery. Only cynics, who have no place in this column, could possibly rival them.

One explanation might be that regulators are trying to justify themselves and their possible roles in the single City regulator now being set up by Howard Davies. They are trying to sound tough years after they should have been to fulfil their early mission to protect consumers. The Investment Management

Regulatory Organisation (Imro) has come a long way since it failed to spot the likelihood of Robert Maxwell playing with his employees' pension funds. Neither Imro's repute, nor that of its boss Phillip Thorpe, have been improved by the £150,000 fine improved this week on HSBC, the world top banking group, over policies sold before 1993. This is not timely justice, nor is

a useful deterrent. HSBC's Midland Bank subsidiary was a small player in pensions and has already dealt with most of its mistakes, providing £45 million for possible compensation to a modest number of clients. Imro's main purpose was to wrap up its investigation into pension misselling, which has resulted in fines for a massive six firms.

Yesterday's regulatory show-stopper was a £450,000 fine imposed on Friends Provident by Colette Bowe's ill-starred Per-Does this record fine point a finger of justice at unparalleled exploitation by the virtuously named mutual? Not exactly. Friends does not feature in the top ten for mis-selling. It is not being fined for mis-selling but for being too slow in settling possible cases before the new Government imposed some real deadlines. The PIA accepts that Friends allocated more resources to its review than others, that some delay was outside its

herited from firms it absorbed. Four other firms are in the firing

PIA is another rightly maligned regulator belatedly trying to justify its doomed existence. Sympathy need not be wasted on pension providers. But this has all to do with the inner life of bureaucracy, little to do with the welfare of customers.

Entente Cordiant

o farewell then, Cordiant olc. Your passing will not be much mourned. There will certainly be no need of tears among the staff since the demise of the company will not, it seems, occasion job losses.

The talk in Adland is not of

cost-saving but of motivating, hence some generous incentive packages to encourage executives to do their jobs. Judging by some of the jargon-

filled prose on offer yesterday, the team could certainly do with motivating. Michael Bungey, chief executive of the new Cordiant Communications Group, which will include the Bates Worldwide network, anselling proposition agency with a few 'USPs' of our own.'

In spite of such uninspiring advertising, Saatchi & Saatchi and Bates must benefit from being given their independence from each other. Already the first signs of their widening market has been evidenced by Cussins' decision to go with Bates despite Saatchi's Procter & Gamble link

But the agencies start out on their independent path with a level of debt that younger rivals - including M & C Saatchi might find daunting. Although investors will probably be prepared to accept the need to offer the prospect of a small fortune to 140 executives in return for their best efforts, there will be qualms if insufficient attention is paid to good housekeeping. There are too many who remember the Saatchi & Saatchi fall from grace and will not wish it a second time under new leaders.

Horror story

IF Richard Handover, the new chief executive of WH Smith, thought things could not possibly get any worse he was wrong. His in-tray is laden with dossiers that contain enough material to give him sleepless nights. Tesco is selling cut-price magazines, Books etc has fallen to an am-bitious US company with deep pockets, and now Barnes & Noble unveils plans for a chain of book superstores in competition with

# Court forces ITT to drop plan for split in \$8bn bid defence

ITT CORP, the US leisure group, has dropped a key part of its "poison pill" defence strategy against a hostile \$8.3 billion (£5 billion) takeover bid by Hilton Hotels.

After a court ruling in Las Vegas, ITT agreed to hold a shareholder ballot on a threeway split plan designed to spoil the takeover.

IIT has fought against shareholder involvement for months, but after the ruling, it said: "We look forward to and welcome a shareholder vote. We remain highly confident that the ITI plan provides greater shareholder value."

PETER SAVILLE cashed in

£16.7 million of shares yes-

terday as the market placing

of SHL, the psychometric

testing company that he chairs, got under way.

Mr Saville, who founded

SHL in 1977 with Roger

Holdsworth, is sitting on a

further 6.8 million shares, or

12.8 per cent of the company, worth 245p at yesterday

placing price.

Dealings in SHL get under way next week. Mr

Holdsworth, who sold shares in SHL some time

ago for personal reasons, is

US District Judge Phillip Pro had issued an injunction against III's split plans because the management did not intend to give shareholders a say in the decision. He did not object to the split per se. A shareholder meeting

must be held by November 14. Wall Street took the developments as a sign that Hilton will succeed and ITT shares rose 8 per cent.

Steve Bollenbach, Hilton chairman said: "My hope is that the management of IIT will work with us to structure this transaction to maximise the value to all shareholders. I

keeping his existing holding of 4.5 per cent, worth £5.39

Mr Saville and Mr

Holdsworth are psycholo-

gists who set up the com-

parry to take advantage of

the need for pyschometric

tests by companies to try out potential recruits. SHL cit-

ents include 60 of the FTSE 100 companies. SHL is worth £130.6 mil-

ion at the 245p placing price. It is standing on an earnings multiple of 18.7 times forecast earnings for

the year to September 30.

will attempt to contact them to try to do that." Judge Pro ruled that ITT's

attempt to stagger the period in office of its board as part of the plan amounted to taking away from shareholders the rights that they acquired by said III had had plenty of time to get shareholder approval and should have ITT's plan, revealed in July,

called for it to split into three companies: one for hotels and gambling operations, a second for educational services and a third for world telephone directories. The split was to have only dividend to shareholders, which is legal under Nevada

Hilton argued that federal case law prohibited companies from breaking apart via a special dividend during a

ITT owns and operates Sheraton Hotels and Caesar's Casinos. Hilton owns and operates Hilton Hotels in the US and Bally's Casinos. A combination of the two would create the world's largest hotel and casino company.

Hilton launched its bld for TIT in January at \$55 per share in cash and stock. ITT responded by selling assets, raising cash and delaying its annual meeting. When the company unveiled its plan in July, it also said it would buy back 30 million shares, or about 26 per cent of the outstanding amount at that time, for \$70 a share.



of Cornwell Parker, makers of Parker Knoll furniture, which is considering expanding into the Far East, after turning a £1.1 million loss into a pre-tax profit of £12.12 million. The

facture in Malaysia, Thailand or Indonesia, will pay a final dividend on November 1 of 2p (0.7p) making a total of 3p (lp).

### Change of focus as Trocadero slips

BY SARAH CUNNINGHAM

TROCADERO, the struggling leisure group, fell into the red in the first half of this year as its Segaworld indoor theme park in London's West End failed to take off.

John Conlan, the former head of First Leisure who joined as chairman two months ago, said that he is working closely with Japan's Sega. which operates Segaworld, to turn the business around. "It is a question of basic operating principles that have worked in the past," he said.

The company, which was previously chaired by the entrepeneur Nigel Wray, made a pre-tax loss of £465,000 in the six months to June 30 from a £995,000 profit in the first half of last year. It and will not pay an interim dividend. Segaworld cost Trocadero £559,000 in the first half and a further £171,000 in startup costs will be written off in the second half.

Two more attractions at the Trocadero leisure complex are due to open in the coming months. A 3D cinema will open in December and a giant drop ride is due to start operating next Spring.

Mr Conlan insisted that the focus of the group - which has sold its main asset, the Trocadero property, back to Burford, the property group from which it was demerged two years ago - would be on other activities from now on. "The group's cash will go on areas outside the Trocadero,"

he said. The company is looking to make further acquisitions in line with its ownership of the rights to Enid Blyton's works.

### Compensation to TLG head tops £330,000

By SARAH CUNNINGHAM

TLG, formerly known as Thorn Lighting Group, faces paying compensation of up to £333,000 to Thierry Vaysette after asking him to quit his job as managing director.

The company said that it did not feel M Vaysette, who was on an 18-month contract and paid an annual £222,000, was the right manager to take the business forward.

Hamish Bryce, the executive chairman, will take over M Vaysette's responsibilities, becoming chairman and chief executive. He said his role would be to "bring a more flexible and dynamic approach" to the company.

The company's European directors, who formerly reported to M Vaysette, will now aiready directly responsible for the company's Far East operations.

The company accompanied the news of M Vayssette's departure with a statement saying that current trading is in line with expectations. Analysts are forecasting pre-tax profits for the year of £22.5 million to £25 million.

TLG said that plans to close a German strip lighting factory, which led to a £13.5 million charge in the last financial year.

are on track. The closure is likely to be completed in the middle of next year.

TLG said "the board is confident that the development of the group's businesses places TLG in a strong pos-ition in prevailing market conditions." Its shares rose lp Tempus, page 28

### WBB profits stagnant

WATTS Blake Bearne, the world's largest supplier of ball clay, failed to deliver any profits growth for the first time six years after the soaring pound wiped almost 10 per cent from its sales and profits at the interim stage (Fraser Nelson writes).

The company, which generates 91 per cent of its sales from overseas markets, said currency effects claimed £4.5 million from its turnover, leaving pretax profits stagnant at £5.47 million in the first six months of the year.

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Saville cashes in

at SHL placing

By GEORGE SIVELL

ON BALANCE, THE FINEST MALT IN THE WORLD

# Fees scale profits down at Boosey

FEES to bankers and lawyers have knocked £566,000 off profits at Boosey and Hawkes, the embattled music publisher and instrument maker, but underlying performance remains strong.

Morgan Grenfell, the merchant bank, and Slaughter and May, the City law firm, have spent six months assessing potential bids for a controlling interest in Boosey and Hawkes. Carl Fischer, a New

its 43.5 per cent stake in the company. It announced last week that offers received so far had been "materially" below the current share price, triggering a sharp fall in the shares.

Fees to advisers, together with £360,000 lost in translating foreign earnings into sterling, saw pre-tax profits slip to £1.76 million (£2.05 million) in the six months to June 30. Sales increased 4.5 per cent to £44.1 million. Richard Holland, chief

saying: "We do need to be properly advised and properly informed."

Earnings per share were 8.8 per cent lower at 5.80p (6.36p). Without the special costs, earnings would have been 26.6 per cent higher at 8.05p. There is an interim dividend of 2.17p (1.91) a share.

The shares, which peaked at £10.622 in August, and suffered a 12 per cent fall last week, fell further yesterday, ending 372 p

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# Shares higher ahead of Northern Rock's debut

SHARE prices achieved fresh highs, a favourable background to first dealings in shares of Northern Rock

IG Index, the City bookmaker, had Northern Rock at 430p on the grey market, with lors of business" reported. The former building society is expected to command a price tag of more than 12 billion when it makes its public debut. Some brokers said that the shares were worth between 360p and 385p fundamentally, but the recent stock market surge has lifted expec-tations much higher.

Yesterday London took its lead from Wall Street's overnight performance, which saw the Dow Jones industrial average climb 65 points. However, prices failed to hold on to their best levels, with New York opening lower again yesterday ahead of the Federal Reserve Open Market Committee meeting, which could lead to a possible rate rise.

The FTSE 100 index touched a new all-time trading high of 5,269.2 before halving its lead to close 23.9 up at a new closing high of 5,244.2. Total turnover reached 98!

million shares, but was boost ed by heavy intra-market trading in Shell after its recent share split, A total of 126 million changed hands as the price held steady at 45312p.

There was the distinct smell of burnt fingers at Stanford Rook. It was the biggest fall of the day, ending 390p, or 72 per cent, lower at 150p, wiping £75 million from the group's stock market price tag of £104.2 million. It followed news of a "disappointing" setback in phase three trials of SRL172, its tuberculosis treatment.

By contrast, Biocomputibles shrugged off recent weakness to rally 4312p to 62712p. The price has tumbled more than 50 per cent during the past three weeks. However, Merrill Lynch, the broker, remains confident and is tipping the price to touch £15

within the next year.

Tomkins, headed by Greg
Hutchings, chairman, firmed
3p to 349¹ap as the "guns-tobuns" group continued buying
back its shares. This time
BZW picked up 500,000 at
347p. A total of 2.12 million had been traded by the close. Scottish Power advanced

Sp to 47912p ahead of a presentation today by its Scottish Telecom subsidiary to brokers. There has been specula-



Greg Hutchings, of Tomkins, whose shares firmed 3p

tion that Scottish Power will demerge Scottish Telecom. so following the lead set by National Grid, which has just announced plans to float its

Energis subsidiary separately. GWR Group dropped lip to 189p in the wake of Capital Radio, unchanged at 481p, placing its entire 12.9 per cent holding, 14 million shares, in the independent radio broadcaster with various institu-

tions at 170p late on Monday. Dresdner Kleinwort Benson, the broker, has taken a contrary view on prospects for Standard Chartered by downgrading its recommen-dation for the shares from "add" to "hold" and telling clients to switch into HSBC. up 2612p at £22.00. Several brokers came out last month rating the shares a "buy" and



THE composite insurers were under a cloud, with brokers apparently at odds over prospects for the sector. The takeover favourite Commercial Union feli 14p to 804 p and Royal Sun was while 588₽p, Guardian

Royal Exchange was virtually unmoved at 31612 p. SBC Warburg has downgraded its recommendation for General Accident, down 72p at £10.90, from "add" to "hold", but remains relatively bullish about the rest of the sector. It acknowledges that prices can overrun; they have come up 10

BRITISH FUNDS

alone. However, the sector remains geared to a strong gilt market. Warburg seems relatively happy with what is going on at the

continues to take a bearish view of the sector. It tells clients that the sector's recent strength provides an extraordinary opportunity

Chris Hitchens, of UBS, says: "The sector is ludi-crously overpriced. The outlook for profits is not as bright as some people had grown from 5 per cent to 10 per cent. Standard closed

1212p cheaper at 84712p.

Bank of Scotland ended là12p lower on the day at 512p after Salomon Brothers urged clients to take profits. The high for the year is 528p.

Reed International rallied 18p to 525p, with both Dresdner Kleinwort Benson and Credit Lyonnais Laing taking the view that the shares have fallen far enough.

Greenalls, the pub chain operator, continued to reel from last week's profits warning, with the price losing a further L2p to 379p. The price has now slumped from a peak of 585p this year, with a flat performance expected in the second half.

Acatos & Hutcheson tumbled 2112p to 275p after warning that results for the year just ending will fall short of target. It blamed the strength of sterling, which had made it less competitive than its rivals in northern Europe. Margins had been cut.

Positive comments were good for Petra Diamonds, 3p better at 10612p. Pritchard Research says the shares are a "buy" and reckons the new concessions in Angola now make the valuation of the company reached at the time of its flotation appear modest. ☐ GILT-EDGED: Prices held on to early gains, helped by firmer US Treasury bonds on the back of pleasing US eco-

In London, sentiment was further boosted by publication of the auction details covering the final quarter. The Bank of England will be issuing a tenyear coupon in October and a five-year in November. The absence of any long-dated issues provided a boost to that end of the market.

In the futures pit, the De-cember series of the long gilt put on seven ticks at £119<sup>11</sup>32 as contracts completed reached 85,000.

Among conventional issues, Ггеазигу 8 per cent 2015 pu on £716 at £115732. In shorts, Treasury 8 per cent 2000 was a tick off at £103916. NEW YORK: Blue chips

closed lower amid worries about corporate earnings and after the Federal Reserve's policy-making arm an-nounced its decision to leave US interest rates unchanged The Dow Jones industrial average closed down 46.17 points at 7,945.26.

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### Building from scratch

stride, shares in the building materials group easing only 3'2p to 208p. While private shareholders may be irritated, it is hard to argue that Hepworth needs to do something to sort itself out. The concern is that it currently seems to have little idea what the solution to its predicament might be.

Hepworth has come in for surprisingly little criticism since its shares began their long decline in early 1994. John Carter, the chief executive who left suddenly last April, was well regarded in the construction industry and parts of the group have looked well run. However, even allowing for the difficult

markets, sales growth has been pedestrian. Part of this may be a cultural problem, with the company paying too little attention to changes in customer needs. Combined with

an acquisition policy that has taken the group into some odd-looking areas it means that Hepworth has struggled to make headway.

Less than a year after leaving Hepworth's heater and boiler arm, Jean-François Chene is shortly to return as chief executive, linking up with the new chairman, Jeremy Lancaster. The recent sale of the refractories business has given Hepworth net cash of £31 million, and the dividend cut and further disposals will produce more. Raising the money will prove easier than spending it wisely. Pipes and the Saunier Duval heating business currently seem the best bers for development. while the minerals and chemicals division looks particularly out of place.

Whatever the new management team decides; there are no easy answers for Hepworth. The shares hold few attractions.

### Yule Catto

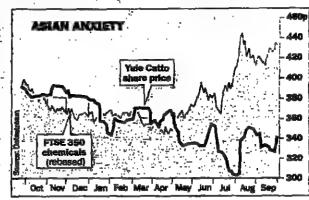
FOR A company whose shares have been dumped in the laggards' corner of the chemical sector, Yule Catto is delivering surprisingly solid results. It has lost some 13 per cent of its market value over the past year, in spite of returning record profits and generating phenomenal amounts of cash.

Although the pound did its worst to damage yesterday's: results, the company still produced 10 per cent growth in earnings, and is on course to deliver the same performance at full time.

So why do Yule Catto's shares, on a forward ratio of 13.6 times earnings, sit at a 15 per cent discount to its peers in the sector? The answer, it seems, is that they are victims of fears about the company's ventures in the Far East and lingering concerns, about the effects of strong sterling. These anxieties seem over-

played. Yule Catto's management has an excellent track record, and should be trusted to negotiate dipping a toe into new Chinese markets. Meanwhile, the recent suggestion that Labour is prefor earing to sign up European economic and monetary union has helped to ease the currency worries. With cash inflow of £9.6 million, the next big step is likely to be a sizeable acquisition. This inevitably introduces an element of uncertainty while the group searches for the right target. For all that, the track record would justify a higher rating for the shares.

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### TLG

AFTER last year's disappointments, there are at last a few things in TLG's favour.

After the company's decision in May to close its German factory, a process that is likely to go on for another year, its European manufacturing side should need no further cutbacks. Most of its main markets. which have been in decline for the past few years, are showing signs of stabilising. Also worth noting is that

TLG has not - in spite of some sceptics' expectations had to issue another profits warning since last September. This is in contrast to its rival, Menvier-Swain, which just a week ago said a downturn in orders would hit its earnings. The company is forecast to

The company is forecast to make pre-tax profits of up to £25 million this year, compared with last year's £22 million pre-tax, pre-exceptional figure.

TLG needs to shape up fast. Waiting in the wings is

and put the chairman in charge of operations. If he fails to revive TLG's fortunes. Wassa<u>li</u> or some other bidder may fancy their chances. This speculative interest ensures that the shares are worth holding.

Wassall, the acquisitive man-

ufacturing group with a £300 million cashpile. This lurk-

ing presence no doubt helps

to explain TLG's decision to

dump its managing director

Boosey & Hawkes ANOTHER goodish set of results falled to stem the recent

slide in the share price of the City's favourite (and only) musical instrument maker. Boosey & Hawkes dropped close to El million on currency translation and its share of the costs of dealing with the group's potential sale, but this alone is insufficient to explain the 37'sp fall in the share price to 787'sp.

The bigger worry is last week's warning from Carl Fi-

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scher, the company's dominant shareholder, that offers for Boosey have been pitched "materially below" the market's recent estimates of its value. The unusual nature of Boosey's business makes it difficult to price, and some potential buyers are only interested in one of its two

The results point to another issue: most of the company's growth is coming from the instrument-making business. aided by last year's addition of Rico, which makes reeds for clarinets and saxophones. Yet it is the slower-growing music publishing side, which hancomposers, that has helped to justify some of the fancier val-uations of the company.

Even after the latest fall. Boosey is still trading on about 26 times Hardman & Co's estimate of this year's earnings. That seems rather high for a niche manufacturer with unsettied ownership.

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The pound has been rising against European currencies because of the relative strength of the British economy and relatively high interest rates. But it has also attracted a premium because of the assumption that it would not join a single currency, at least for some years.

Some old and wise hands in the City assume that Friday's stick of dynamite in the Financial Times originated in Gordon Brown's office and fierce denials from his advisers have done nothing to shift this assumption. What is more interesting still is the strong perception that the story was designed — if it was deliberately

# Rub of the Brown upsets gilt market-makers

leaked — not just as a piece of also helps to push down long term political gamesmanship between interest rates. Mr Brown's presentite different governmental power- tation of policy, from his anbases but as a deliberate piece of market massaging.
Stephen Lewis of London Bond

Broking said he believed that "the Brown offensive had less to do with EMU policy than with overall economic strategy. He noted that the pound had been pushing higher for several days. before the EMU story appeared, that the Chancellor and the Bank of England would prefer to see a different monetary policy mix with a more competitive exchange rate to help exporters, but higher short-term interest rates to keep consumer spending in check.

nouncement of Bank of England operational independence to the latest EMU leak, appears to be aimed primarily at lowering longterm gilt yields."

Mr Brown has an eminent role model, if this is his intent. The Rundesbank has been a masterly

manipulator of the German currency and bond yields. About 18 months ago, when the clever money was on EMU being called off and the mark was soaring as a result, the Bundesbank would casually toss positive comments to the markets about EMU being on onsumer spending in check. track. This verbal massaging of Mr Lewis goes on: "The EMU the markets had the desired effect story helps to engineer this shift. It . of preventing the mark from



overvalued at a time when German exporters were hurting. Influencing the markets is not a

risk-free endeavour. In the latest case, the days of denials and uity probably leave the bull

extremely cross, undoing some of the sterling work put in by Tony Blair and Gordon Brown to convince the Square Mile that Labour understands the City and is the party of business.

Gilt market-makers are feeling particularly sore because the FI story wrong-footed so many of them so hadly. It ran on the day after a gilt auction that had left many market-makers with large amounts of long bonds on their books. Most duly hedged their exposure by selling gilt futures. a normal reaction to a less than sparkling auction.

A perception that EMU entry for Britain was way off had meant

and concrete change in its EMU hold long bonds on their books and keep short positions in short and medium-dated securities. But the FT story changed these relative values. Many gilt houses lost out twice. Their long bonds rallied relatively little compared with shorter maturities. And they had

sold gilt futures, which soon showed dramatic gains. Whether through blind luck or brilliant judgment. Goldman Sachs is reported to have ploughed an independent and extremely profitable furrow at the end of last week. Far from hedging its cash gilt position by selling futures, it seems to have taken a massive bet that the market was going up and bought futures in large amounts. Several

green eyes and red faces and wondering how Goldman got it so right when they got it so wrong.
There is always resentment

when traders find themselves spectacularly on the wrong end of unexpected news, widespread resentment when the losses are widespread. But the gilt market has an objective point about the new Treasury. As Gordon Brown and his colleagues are fond of pointing out with rights come responsibilities. Now that the Treasury is planning to take management of the national debt away from the Bank of England and bring it in-house, it also has a duty to make sure that unexpected policy announcements do not unduly hurt those market professionals whose role it is to give liquidity to the gilt market and so. ultimately, keep the cost of servicing the public debt as low as possible. Leaking stories and then denvine them does not help.

# Reputations go on trial in the bitter tale of Queens at court

Dominic Walsh

looks at the background

to the QMH legal action

drive through the country lanes and streets of Essex provides a constant reminder of the sway that John Bairstow, the fallen idol of the county's business community,

Everywhere you go are "for sale" signs emblazoned with the name of Bairstow Eves, the estate agency, while Romford houses the headquarters of Queens Moat Houses, one of Europe's largest hotel groups. Both companies were founded by Mr Bairstow and developed into multimillion-pound businesses. A classic case of the selfmade Essex man.

But while Bairstow Eves, founded in Brentwood in 1953 when Mr Bairstow was just 23, was eventually sold to Ham-bros for 190 million, QMH met a very different fate. On March forced to issue a statement through the Stock Exchange: The directors of Queens Moat Houses have requested that the shares in QMH be suspended pending clarification of the

company's financial position." That statement was to set in train events that led to the principal directors being sacked, the reporting of the biggest corporate loss in British history and a legal process that will finally begin in earnest in

the High Court on Friday. At issue are the sackings of John Bairstow and three other former directors: Martin Marcus, David Hersey and Allan Porter. The company contends that the four, who are claiming unfair dismissal, were guilty of serious misconduct. The men claim they were the victims of a conspiracy by the banks and new management to gain con-trol. In effect, Mr Bairstow and his former colleagues are accusing the current board, led by Andrew Coppel, chief executive, of being responsible for the perilous state in which the company still finds itself.

For John Bairstow this claim is not simply about getting the salary and pension rights to which he believes he is entitled. For despite seeing the value of his holding almost wiped out by



the financial reconstruction he remains a wealthy man. His pursuit of vindication is more to do with restoring a business reputation built up over more than 40 years.

Although the former chairman is proud of his achievement in building QMH up from scraich to 190 hotels over 25 years, some commentators believe the seeds of the later problems were sown at a fairly early stage. The first hotel, the Brentwood Moat House inow sold on and renamed Marygreen Manor) was originally bought by him and his wife Joyce as a home, but the decision by Ford Motor Compeny to develop an office complex nearby persuaded him he could make money out of turning it into a hotel. Such was Most House's subsequent rate of growth that in 1972 it was approached by the publicly quoted Queens Modern Hotels Bairstow emerging as head of the enlarged group and the biggest individual shareholder. Although expansion contin-

ued, the mid-1970s recession almost brought the company to its knees. Only a belt-tightening and the goodwill of Barclays Bank gave Mr Bairstow the breathing space he needed. QMH returned to the expansion trail and there was a period in the 1980s when hardly a week passed without new hotels being added. During that decade the market capitalisation rose to about £700 million, but at the same time debts were.

mounting up. Very soon, a company that had come to be regarded as one of the stock market's stars was beginning to cause furrowed brows. These fears were height-ened when, at a results briefing with analysts in August 1992,

reference was made to continued growth. What QMH had in mind was a deal with Bass whereby QMH would take on the Holiday Inn franchise for much of Europe with Bass taking a big stake in QMH. Although rumours of the deal reached the press, they were unconfirmed and fears over the company's investment plans continued to swirl.

The details of what happened in the run-up to that fateful announcement to the Stock Exchange are still sketchy, but it would appear the first tremor

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was caused by the late arrival of accounts from QMH's continental operations. When they finally arrived it was apparent they were below expectations. At the same time it emerged that, as a result of a technical error, preference shareholders would not receive their dividends on time. It was also clear that the group's incentive management scheme was running into problems. Under this scheme, some managers paid an agreed fee to head office and were allowed to keep any profit over and above that fee for themselves. But when the recession arrived, it meant some became unable to pay the fee. QMH's system of booking the fee to profits in advance became

It was at this point that Mr Bairstow went to the company's benkers, Barciays and Natas a result of which he requested that trading in QMH shares

be suspended.

If Mr Bairstow imagined they would give him the same leeway as in the 1970s he was mistaken. The banks immediately appointed Grant Thornton, the accountancy firm, to prepare a report, and Martin Marcus, deputy chairman and

David Hersey, the finance director, were suspended. Both were soon dismissed and by

August 1993 Mr Bairstow himself had joined the casualty list. What happened next remains a source of bitter contention between former management and the new directors installed by the banks. Jones Lang Wootton, the property special-ist, was drafted in to revalue QMH's hotels, resulting in a £922 million writedown on the value of those assets. As a ported a loss for 1992 of £1.04 pillion and Queens Most was declared insolvent.

The guif between the JLW valuation and the earlier figures produced by Weatherall Green & Smith for the former management, has caused endless debate about the basis on which they were prepared. During the protracted build-up to the start of court proceedings Mr Bairstow said the financial reconstruction of QMH initiated by Andrew Coppel and the handed the company to the banks lock, stock and barrel". Subsequent asset disposals have been at a premium to the II.W valuations.

Since Mr Bairstow and his former colleagues issued pro-ceedings for unfair dismissal, mud-slinging, and Mr Coppel, with Andrew Le Poidevin, his finance director, have suffered villification in the press for their remuneration packages and the level of fees paid out to advisers. Meanwhile, Mr Coppel initiated a series of counter-claims, including a £75 million claim for loss of goodwill. Most of these have since been dropped in the interests of limiting the cost of the proceedings, and the only counter-claim that remains relates to the mess over dividend payments.

The principal grounds for dismissal cited by the company against the four relate to what it claims were attempts to hide the true financial position by setting up "a series of sham transactions which could then be used to generate fictitious profits" and by misleading analysts over profit forecasts.

Many hotel industry observers believe the worst the forthcoming court case will show is that Queens Most Houses simply outgrew the entrepreneurial culture that Mr Bairstow had created. Those who now run the company will be doing every-thing in their power to prove neglect and gross

### **BUSINESS LETTERS**

### The hidden costs of self-assessment need not be an unpleasant surprise

From Mr Rob Gillies

Sir. I read with interest the Accountancy column of September 18, and particularly Andrew Meeson's article con-

cerning self-assessment.
While the system of self-assessment is, in theory, simple and "uncontroversial" the fact remains that most people do not understand the tax system in sufficient detail to be able to negotiate with the Inland Revenue and to defend their position. Therefore, they will necessarily incur bills from professional advisors to undertake the work on their behalf. This includes private individuals and the self-employed, who Mr Meeson identifies as being a particular

Accountants and other tax advisors will, I am sure, be only too happy with this situation. The more enlightened, however, will have put a scheme in place to give their clients insurance protection from these unexpected fees and, to their own benefit, ensure that funds are available with which to pay those

fees. Fee protection insurance is not a new concept but we find there are still large numbers of accountants that have not arranged cover for their clients. Self-assessment has only served to highlight this

With cover available at a very low cost, one wonders whether those advisers who do not make this insurance available are really serving the interests of their clients in this regard.

As an insurance intermediary, we work closely with accountancy and other professional practices to produce solutions to their and their clients' insurance problems. Fee protection insurance is one of our leading products at this time and I enclose some information should you feel this would be of interest to your readership. Yours faithfully,

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### Extra funding for Tube must wait until 1999

From Mr M. C. Fitzpatrick

Sir, You report ("Blair to back break-up of Tube before sell-off, September 24) on discussions between the Treasury port (DoT), regarding a proposal for increased funding for the Tube in 1998-99.

Seemingly the Treasury has told the DoT that it is prepared to look "sympathetically" at this proposal, apparently on the grounds that the extra funding could be offset by new charges on parking and motoring in London.

Unfortunately, this appears a non-starter. The by Treasury is bound. Labour's general election manifesto, to keep public spending within existing de-

partmental limits for the years 1997-98 and 1998-99. Any additional tax revenue raised by parking-motoring charges would score in the Treasury books as extra income, and additional expenditure. Taxes can go up in these two years, but expenditure cannot.

Regrettably, the Tube will just have to be left (in your words) to "crumble" until April 1999 at the earliest. In the meantime, it appears that the Treasury is being somewhat disingenuous in its dealings with the DoT.

Yours faithfully, M. C. FITZPATRICK.

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### No retrospective relief for mis-selling victims

From Mr.A.B. Craven

Sir. The news (The Times, September 18) that the Treasury is to repeal, where possible, the Financial Services Act, the Banking Act, the Building Societies Act and the Policyholders Protection Act will be of tremendous help and relief to future investors and borrowers.

It is a matter of concern that retrospective legislation is im-

possible for those latterly missold pension schemes and home income plans of the 1980s. It would seem that they have acted as the diving board for the new swimming pool of financial regulation.

Yours faithfully, A.B. CRAVEN, White Cottage, Elstronwick, Burton Pidsea.

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# Damp squib

IF YOU bump into Geoffrey last week of six unknown men Robinson, the Paymaster General, in Brighton, resist the urge to ask about the Project Taskforce relaunch. I hear he is still a little touchy on the subject. The taskforce was set up in response to the Malcolm Bates review of the PFI, which has not been too successful of late. Robinson took it into his head to use the appointment as members of the taskforce



You choose Match of the Day, Midweek Sports the Man Utd Channel?"

in suits, and one woman, to kick-start the thing. A glitzy press conference for

the nationals was arranged. Robinson, described to me by my informant - cruelly I am sure - as "a man with an ego the size of the Treasury", took his place on the podium. So did Adrian Montague, the Dresdner Kleinwort Benson banker cunningly lured by means of a mega-thousand pound pay cut to run the taskforce. The suits (and woman) were arranged on either side. The lights were on, the autocue running.

The journalists arrived. One from Construction News, the second from some even more obscure trade journal. Robinson went through with the whole charade; the embarrassed hacks were prompted to ask a couple of questions. "Pathetic", Robinson raged to his officials later. They blamed the press office, who are now in deep trouble.

☐ I HEAR a funny story about the Teletubbies. One of our biggest toy chains offered to



buy the entire range of spin-off toys being marketed this autumn. The lot. The aim was to make the chain the sole source of Tellytubbiana, and so the must destination for every parent this Christmas, where they could be parted from whatever else they planned to spend on the kiddies at the same time. It all came to nothing because the people mak-

ing the stuff caught on. Another story about this sinister cult. St leel is in talks with the BBC about making Tubbycustard An unnamed food manufacturer is also being canvassed to make Tubbytoast, marked with the

cene creatures. I only mention it because, if you have children of the right age, you might as well hear it from me first.

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### Comic turn GARTMORE'S annual in-

vestment conference yesterday John Bird and John Fortune, and their skit on a harrassed City fund manager whose dients keep asking him technical questions. "Like, where's my money?" "And what do you say?" "I usually explain that markets go in cycles, they go up and down, they get punctures. But they keep asking technical questions. Like where's my money?" "And what do you say?" "I say. George Soros has got it. He's got everybody clse's."

☐ THERE arrives probably the year's most pompous announcement, from an unknown Canadan steel producer, headlined "Sidbec-Dosco (Ispat) Inc changes name to Ispat Sidbec Inc... Somebody had a bad Scrabble hand when they dream! that one up. The name change reinforces its "commitment to excellence", and there is now a

"wide acceptance by the world L. N. Mittal, chairman, portentously: "Ispat Sidbec is no stranger to such success." Be-

### Split ends A SENIOR partner at Coopers

& Lybrand has landed himself a directorship at Cranfield School of Management. This would usually be a full-time job but Alan Waller, no relation, is staying on at Coopers and shuttling between the two. This rather suggests fence-sitting, given the uncertainties over who will end up on top from the merger with Price Waterhouse. "Nothing whatsoever to do with the merger," he says. There's a lot of synergy here. Each is half, but there's a lot of crossfertilisation between the two." (I did mention that he is a management consultant, didn't In.

So he spends half his time at Coopers and half as director of the Cranfield Centre for Logistics and Transportation. This sounds like the science of making sure lurries arrive on time. But I am told it is much more complicated than that.

MARTIN WALLER

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# Musical spirit more bland than blithe

ies in which parents are magically transformed into their own children and children into their parents, and one or two have been quite funny. So why not a stage musical in which an earnest wife is possessed by the spirit of a wild, brash flapper who died in a car crash in the 1920s? There are plenty of opportunities for comedy in such a situation. There is even a chance of a little psychosexual exploration, if the authors are bold enough to seize it.

their Maddie emerged from masterclasses at Oxford with Stephen Sandheim — in whose work wit and sexual darkness go together in the horse-andcarriage style once associated with love and marriage composer Stephen Keeling and libretrists Shaun McKenna and Steven Dexter embrace few of the opportunities open to them. They have created a pleasant little musical with some attractive, agreeable hums stuck between some diverting chatter; but for my taste the sophistication level is a bit too low and the sentimen-

tality rate rather too high. Summer Rognlie's Jan and Graham Bickley's Nick have an old apartment in San

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by Madeline Marsh, who died en route to a screen test in Hollywood. She it is who appears first as a voice, then as a succubus, using Jan as her habitat while she reactivates her career. Imagine the sober Ruth of Blithe Spirit being hijacked by the poltergeist Elvira, and you'll get the idea. But McKenna and Dexter

are scarcely Noël Coward rolled into two. They are lucky in their principal actress, for Rognlie has charisma, energy and a smile so vast and expansive I worried it might end up knocking her nose and ears off her head. She is also sufficiently versatile to be furrowed and anxious one moment, and the next to wiggle and skitter like a vamp on speed. Though she has to switch from one to the other in a sudden whoosh, you are never in doubt whether she is Jan or Maddie.

Surely, though, more fun should ensue from these transformations. Rognlie's Maddie behaves badly at a fundraising party, that is important to museum-curator Nick, hailing a waiter with "Hey, blue eyes, get me a Bronx cocktail" and

played by Lynda Baron Later, Maddie exits precipitately from the ketchup ad in which she has got an acting job. leaving Jan to play a tomato. But neither scene generates the laughter it should, and one with even more comic potential, in which Maddie invades the frump, generates hardly any at all

That may be because the authors concentrate more and more on what we have been told (though never adequately shown) is Jan and Nick's ailing marriage. He sleeps with Maddie and enjoys it: she feels betrayed. It is oddly akin to the situation in the musical currently at the Donmar, Enter the Guardsman, in which an actor seduces his own wife while disguised as an army here do we feel the desperation or poignancy inherent in the reinvention of a spouse as a lover and marriage as an

Here, we get conventional marital angst ("When's the talked?") followed by a marital reconciliation of which I'll say only this. Is it easier to believe in Maddie as a ghost or Maddie as an ex-officio marriage guidance counsellor? The former, by a mile.

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GREAT BRITISH HOPES

Rising stars in the arts firmament

**ALISTAIR WHITE** 

them starred. "I come from a completely unmusical family.

There are no musicians as far back as anyone can

remember so nobody knows where I got it from. I had a

couple of classical teachers but nobody taught me to play jazz. It's more a listening, feeling thing."

Why the trombone? "I always wanted to play the trumpet, but when I was eight my music class needed a trombonist and the teacher said I had the longest arms."

What's the prize worth? A week's residency at Ronnie

Scott's club in London starting on October 13, and another week at the Blue Note in New York — plus £1.500 cash. "I've

put the money down on a deposit on a car, providing I pass

my test next year." It also got him a lot of exposure when the

finals were relevised in a presentation by Jools Holland.

Isn't Laucashire more George Formby than Louis

Armstrong? "It's a good place for a young player to get started. I played in the Lancashire Students Jazz Orchestra.

and then the Wigan Youth Jazz Orchestra. Word gets

around and I'm now playing in quarters and quinters as

Influences? "I like Seventies disco and Jamiroquai, but in the jazz field I have to say Charlie Parker and Miles Davis.

Ambition? I want to move to London in a couple of years

and build a reputation as a player. I'd like to go to university down there, too, but not to do music. I'd like to turn

professional, but it all depends how many gigs [ get."

Age: 16.

Profession: Jazz musician. Why is he making a stir?

His trombone playing has just won him the Royal Sun

Alliance Young Jazz Musi-

cian of the Year. The youngest competitor in the prize's history, he came

through regional heats to

beat more than 500 older

contestants. And he has just

started playing with the National Youth Jazz Or-

Background: He has re-cently embarked on A levels

in maths and music at

Cardinal Newman College

in Preston after getting ten A grades at GCSE, nine of

They're still the best."

# Beauty? It's murder

t doesn't take long to figure out that David Reeves's musical picture of Dorian Gray has been flung together at high speed on a budget that would flatter a shoestring. The orchestra pit is a black curtain tacked around Reeves himself servicing a battered upright plano, accompanied by a violinist and a cellist. Atmosphere is the occasmoke. And a huge broken picture frame lying in two pieces across the stage is most of the set. The splodgy result is more Jasper Johns than Oscar Wilde, with a strange oldfashioned score stretched over Wilde's familiar story.

It takes a certain ingenuity to turn a 19th-century literary masterpiece into a musical Penny Dreadful. Mehmet Ergen's production makes it look like a piece of cake. The chief victim is Mark Huggins's infatuated Basil, the earnest artist of the famous picture that gives Dorian ageless beauty for the price of his

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soul. The chief villain is Nicholas Pound as Dorian's immoral mentor Lord Henry, who works on the impressionable lad with all the charm of an upmarket hairdresser. Dorian wavers somewhat unconvinc-

With his high cheekbones and footballer's curls. Marcello Walton is a handsome if not captivating Dorian. His vanity is far more convincing than his baritone. But he makes a fair fist as an innocent undone by his villainous ego. His best and most contradictory moment - the one, in fact, that starts Dorian on his fatal spiral of corruption - is when he falls for and then brutally rejects Eliza Lumley's touching working-class actress, Sybil Vane.

Events, well the songs at least, lurch from Lady

cockney docks. The produc-19th-century for its own good. The novel's juicy acts of debauchery are left in the wings. As the hotch-potch chorus sing What's The Scandal?, Dorian manages to look as bemused as everyone else at his supposed offstage sexploits.

Like a runaway tram. Reeves's score rushes to thunpiano climaxes at ever melodramatic opportunity. O God, Give Me A New Life sings Dorian on his knees in the attic in front of the rotting painting we never actually see. He could easily be singing his first-half plea. There's Nothing That I Would Not Give (to stay beautiful forever). Frankly the sentiments and the solos seem indistinguishable. The senses murdered the soul," concludes Basil. Let's just say that the soul isn't the only thing that gets murdered

> **JAMES** CHRISTOPHER

Charisma, energy and a vast smile: Summer Rogolie vamps it up as Maddie, inhabiting the body of unhappy Jan

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# Charm of the voyeur

T have always been twitchy around one-man shows ever since I was trapped alone in a theatre by a Gaelicspeaking madman in a loin-cloth for three hours. Robert Young's brace of monologues are happily in a different league. Not only are they short, dark and humorous.

but they exert a snake-charm-. er's grip on the imagination. The first Surfing splices together the stories of two women who discover each other on the Internet Mabel is an elderly "balloon of depression and desire", infatnated with an artist in Soho whose nude painting of her unlocks a lifetime of repression. The artist, however, is Vicky, aged 24 going on 12, could have been invented by Jane Horrocks. She is wine and dined by a pompous estate agent, Charles, in ex-change for sex.

Bored with her nightly orgies of seafood she taps into Charles's e-mail and discovers Mabel fishing for electronic intercourse. Before the week is out they are virtual lesbians in Shanghai. For Vicky this is Brief Encounter. For Mabel it is the motorbike she was

never allowed in her youth. Dressed in nothing but an catmeal shirt and white briefs, Lizzie McPbee skilfully tangoes the two stories around each other. Perched on a suitcase, lowering her voice to a melancholic cutglass drawl, she becomes upmarket Mabel. Squatting on her haunches, knees akimbo, she is gawky, comic Vicky, tipsy with self-discovery, That McPhee cannot sustain the absolute credence of either character has more to do with the schizophrenic leaps she has to make than any lack of stage craft. It is a piece that itches for a second actor.



Young is such a compelling voyeur. He has an unnatur way with small, lethal details that tell entire stories.

An cerily neat Paul Kemp,
wearing a vest grey suit and
no socks or stories, sin

gloomy half light next to a fridge. An empty chain lies toppled heside him. What begins as a light, scathing physical description of his absent girlfriend - "She's got three rows of teeth ... no tips ... no hips ... her ankles are knots of string" — esca-lates in intensity and aggresgraphed piece of precision acting that dances on the razor's edge between leading and love. The absence of others takes the mischillogue into the realm of metallicular in the fears me a known, says Kamp in his drawn woulent

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Yes there is a wonderfully harliess comedy about their relationship, and about the way it scrambles his wits. At one point he describes a moment of perfect happiness lying on the tiled floor like a trussed-up ham while the watches television. Highly unsettling, perhaps because it is so bleakly funny and

CHRISTOPHER-



Kettle oes of goes off the boil

**SECOND OPINION:** 

**Bernard Levin** 

on the new Carvl Churchill play

The sleeping giant wakes; it is the end of September and the plays, new and old, begin to stir seriously. We can hurry past the old ones - or at least the very old ones fremember Cats, all those decades ago?) - and sniff the air for new works. We take a deep breath at Hurlyburly, the first act being entirely composed of the f-word (I counted them - there were 67), and we turn to Caryl Churchill, who must hold the Blue Riband of numbers of plays — she comes out with some 36, and she certainly is not going to stop. Her latest is called Blue Heart, though it is composed

of two plays, one called Heart's Desire, the other Blue Kettle. Neither seems to connect with its title, but in these times ... well.

There are two main characters, Brian and Alice, and instantly we know we are in the hands of a joker. But it is a most delightful joker, though we have to take our time in getting the idea. The words and actions are repeated again and again, which would normally have the customers fleeing for the doors, but it is not only ingenious, it is also truly funny, though slight. Mind you, if you seek meaning, you will be greatly disappointed. for this is meaningless but charming. But a word of danger — these Godot ideas are ilimsy in the wrong hands.

nd just as I was writing those words, the other half of Blue Heart went down the drain with a splash. The words "kettle" and "blue" were dragged in, and out, up and down, and the groans could be heard for miles. Hark

"Blue . . . I've forgotten blue than I ever blue ... kettle of your life... I think I have kettle to say ... my kettle knows about it ... he round kettle women and he blue it's him, he does that ... blue kettle speak my mind as you blue I blue . . . On the whole I would prefer

David Rabe's Hurlyburly's effings and blindings, and not only because of the blue rubbish. Behind Hurlyburly there is a true depth, and if it is plumbed we can see that the swearing is nothing but a veil to cover the real agonies. But please don't offer me Caryl Churchill's kettles.

Blue Hears is continuing at the Duke of York's (0171-836 5122); Hurryburly is at Queens (0171-494 5041)

# If the pointes fit, wear them

What lured Lynn Seymour back to the stage? The right roles in the right ballets, she tells Allen Robertson

living legend in the dance world, Lynn Seymour is, at 58, far from finished. To prove it, she is back where she belongs — on the stage in a role of her own. "It's bliss," she says. "Creating a new role is what makes me happiest. The other stuff, the Sleeping Beau-ties and Swan Lakes, I've done like a good girl should, but the reason for doing what I do has always been new roles."

Since the late 1950s she has initiated a string of vivid characters who have now found a permanent place in the international ballet reper-toire. For Kenneth MacMillan alone they include Juliet, Anastasia, the rapacious Mary Vetsera in Mayerling and more than a dozen others. Frederick Ashton built his last major ballet, A Month in the Country, around Seymour's consummate skills as an actress and, just before she abruptly "retired" in 1980, she played Janis Joplin for Alvin Ailey. Seven years later Chris-topher Gable, her original Romeo and now artistic director of Northern Ballet Theatre. cast her as the pinch-souled mother of the painter L.S. Lowry in Gillian Lynne's bio-ballet A Simple Man.

A further decade down the line, Seymour is happily ensconced in the West End, revelling in her role as the Wicked Stepmother in Matthew Bourne's new contemporary dance take on Cinderella.

Bourne has catapulted the familiar fairytale into the dangerous and chaotic world of London in the Blitz, while Seymour has devised a villainess who bears an uncanny resemblance to Joan Crawford at her witchiest. A moneygrubbing parvenu, she has married Cinders's ineffectual father in order to get her hands on his fortune. The Stepmother is not a nice woman." Seymour says. "In fact, she's a murderess. She has very few redeeming features. Matthew thinks probably the only one is that she is

quite a good dancer." Seymour first got involved with Bourne's company last autumn, when she took over the part of the domineering; ny's record-breaking produc-tion of Swan Lake. When the show moved on to Los Angeles for an eight-week season this spring, she went too. "LA was a big success, but I don't much like that neck of the woods." Seymour says. "It freaks me out, actually, so it was an exercise in forbearance to be there for that length of time."

Bourne is the latest in the list of significant creative friendships that has included Mac-Millan, Rudolf Nureyev and the artist Andrew Logan. "I think this is Lynn's home

now," Bourne says. "As far as I'm concerned there will always be a part for Lynn if she wants one." That includes travelling to New York to play once again the Queen Mother in the Broadway transfer of Swan Lake early next year.

"Lynn is a joy to work with."

"Lynn is a joy to work with; because she gives so much," he adds. "She pours out ideas. You give her a little thing and she's away. It's wonderful how she catches on to an idea and expands on it so quickly. She's very easy to work with and the rest of the company love her because she's one of the gang. She doesn't hold herself aloof."

Far from being a prima donna. Seymour insists that any dancer is essentially powerless in shaping her career.
Dancers dance what they're told to dance," she says, "al-though I did actually ask Matthew if I could do Swan Lake. I had seen the show and had absolutely adored it. I thought, well, maybe they need a few extra old queens. So I wrote to him. I'd never done anything like that before, but in this case I guess I did actually start the ball rolling.

She believes that Bourne has a lot in common with Ashton and MacMillan. "Astonishingly, they are very similar to work with. Your job is to bring into reality their visions, their dreams, their ideas. You have to give it flesh and tangibility and actuality. So the input is very personal. Somehow, together, using all the knowledge you've got, you start to get this thing real. And then, magically, there it suddenly is in front of you."

f Seymour has one drawback as an artist it is that she is very nearsighted and has to operate on the stage through what she calls "semi-blind braille". Already wearing spectacles as a tot, she has always had to memorise the stage by rote,

So why not use contact lenses?" I tried them once, but it was a disaster. Not only was I able to see the audience, I couldn't find my balance because they gave me a false sense of where the floor was, so i safter wore them again. I found being able to see properbe in my own world, which is far better — and far safer."

At the peak of her classical career, Seymour was unrivalled, muted as one of the great dancing actresses. In recent years she has tried straight acting in films and on the stage, but says words are not really her medium. "It would be like saying to Diana Rigg: 'Hey, you're a great mover, why don't you go and do some ballet?" "

● Cinderella is in preview at the Piccadilly Theatre, W1 (017)-369 1734) and opens on Oct 7



Smoke with fire: Lynn Seymour draws on Joan Crawford for her role as the Wicked Stepmother in Matthew Bourne's new staging of Cinderella

OPERA: How will Ian Bostridge play Britten's most demonic creation? Hilary Finch finds out

# Ghost of a chance for fast-rising tenor

ven Henry James de-clared that he had no idea whether the silent ghosts he created in The Turn of the Screw really existed or not. When Benjamin Britten. through his librettist Myfanwy Piper, gave Peter Quint and Miss Jessel a voice, in an opera which stands at the very centre of his output, he only spun new threads in the sticky web of possibilities and impossibilities in which every char-acter becomes tangled, and which continues to ensuare every new director and audience of the opera.

Wilfrid Mellers once wrote that "the impact of Quint and Miss Jessel on Flora and Miles is comparable with the de-monic Beethoven's assault on an 18th-century drawing-room." And the tenor charged with embodying that unquiet presence in Deborah Warner's new production of Britten's The Turn of the Screw for the Royal Opera is likely to be one of the most dangerously seduc-tive of them all. Ian Bostridge, the willowy youth whose wideeyed yet intellectually sophisticated Schubert singing scoops up record awards and fills recital halls, is to make his Royal Opera debut in one of the most baffling roles in the repertoire.

Peter Quint, in his own highly florid, exquisitely mel-

The scene is both reassur-

ingly familiar and excit-

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festivals, the Saito Kinen at

Matsumoto, three hours' train journey from Tokyo, features remarkable performances in a

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the classes he started in 1948,

when one of his first pupils

was Seiji Ozawa, destined to

achieve greatness as the music

director of the Boston Sym-

ismatic words, is "the hidden life that stirs when the candle is out". He is, irresistibly, "all things strange and bold". He is, perhaps, no more and no less than a projection of the heart of darkness within the children's Governess - within us all. He is, according to Donald Mitchell, the eminence grise of Britten studies. one and the same as the Governess. They are a symbiosis, finally musically unified in their relentless desire for control. When I spoke to Bostridge just two weeks into rehearsal, he was healthily

"Everything's still very much in a state of flux — and I'm glad it is. The great thing about Deborah Warner is that she doesn't believe in explaining it all away. The letter kills. If you name something too closely it immediately comes theatrically dead. The important thing is to keep all the possiblities open. What I do feel is that the children. Miles and Flora, are being totally pulled apart. It's not, as Sir Colin Davis emphasises, an opera about pederasty. But neither must we take it at face value when Miles repeats how bad he is. I think it's actually a mistake to focus so much on Miles, and minimise Flora's role. Invariably she's sung by

a woman, but we've cast a ten-

year-old girl. And the scene in which she shrieks out her hatred at the Governess is just about the most harrowing point in the entire opera. It refocuses the moral viewpoint. But then, this opera is just like Peter Grimes in that you never really know where your sympathies are supposed to lie."

Bostridge, who already has a substantial Britten discography and has just recorded Our Hunting Fathers, a cycle of immense vocal difficulty and usually sung by a female voice, has been described as in the "royal line" of Britten interpreters, with an imagina-



Bostridge: "This is not an opera about pederasty"

tive response to words which lure has already drawn one comes perhaps closer than that of any other tenor to Peter Pears himself. "Well," Bostridge replies, "I'd say that Britten is very definitely in the royal line of song composers from Schubert on!" Bostridge's way into Britten was, indirectly, through Schubert. His obsession with the singing

of Dietrich Fischer-Dieskau led him to discover the German master's recording of Britten's Blake settings and his Holy Sonnets of John Donne. "There's no doubt that Brit-

ten is the great song composer of the 20th century in terms of his response and sheer commitment to words. Very few composers have been faithful to that commitment, despite the fact that it has been song which has led the way in pushing forward the boundaries of music. Schoenberg's first proper post-tonal piece, after all, was The Book of the Hanging Garden in which the very colouring of the words pushed harmony in a new direction."

The word is of prime importance to Bostridge: so much so that it was a toss-up at one stage as to whether he would be a writer and academic, or a singer. Words may strain, crack and sometimes break under the burden; but their

book out of Bostridge: Sorcery shipwreckt: Witchcraft and its Transformations 1650-1750 was published by OUP in March. Hans Werner Henze is writing me a group of songs and - it's rather nice - he's put some witchcraft in! He's written the poetry himself: I'll see the songs in February and we'll probably perform them for the first time in 1999. Meanwhile, Bostridge is busy with a new recording of

Mozart's Die Entführung with William Christie, a forthcom-ing Channel 4 film of Schuhert's Winterreise, directed by David Alden, and with his second book: a collection of essays on music and singing. "I'm being horribly slow, because I feel I have to find a new way of writing. But now I'm stuck into the job. at least I've got more to write about!" The Turn of the Screw opens at (0171-638 8891)

### Love in a ghetto climate

n his ten years as artistic director of Northern Ballet Theatre, Christopher Gable has made it his mission to bring theatre to the forefront of the company's dance productions. His new Giselle, unveiled in Sheffield on Monday night, shows how far he will go to promote his cause.

Gable first staged Giselle for NBT in 1990. Seven years on, he is far more audacious, choosing a radical rethink that pushes the 19th-century Romantic classic into the realm of 20th-century docu-drama. His production sets the familiar story in a "war-torn urban ghetto". Giselle belongs to a community living under mar-tial law: Albrecht is a soldier. Oppressed and oppressor still fall in love, but Act II is transformed into a guilt-ridden fantasy in which Albrecht confronts the horrific consequences of his flirtation.

Although we are never spe-cifically directed to see this as a

### Giselle Lyceum, Sheffield

Fascist Giselle, the period is clearly the late 1930s, so parallels with Nazi persecution of the Jews are unavoidable. This gives Albrecht's dalliance with Giselle a more shocking and corrosive edge. It isn't just some naive peasant girl in a long-forgotten world taken in by a handsome nobleman; it is a young woman brutalised by racist repression, betrayed by

a servant of Hitler.

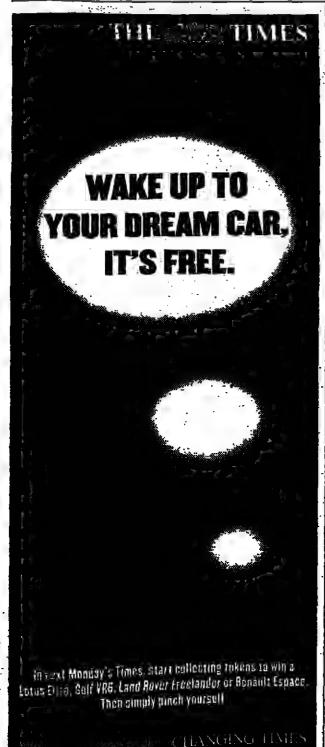
For much of Act I you congratulate Gable on finding the perfect home for his revisionist scenario. But by Act II you realise he has dug himself into a ditch. Instead of Wilis we have a tribe of men and women (Holocaust ghosts?), all victims of the regime that Albrecht represents and all out to get him. By diminishing the essential love story in favour of a broader political context, Gable diminishes both Giselle and the act of her forgiveness. Political payback is the name of the game, and there is not much poetry in that.

Gable shares choreography credits with Michael Pink, and with the ballet's original creators, Coralli and Perrot. The peasant dance has been cut; serve no dramatic purpose here. Gable and Pink have been quite clever in maximising the talents of their dancers and integrating the dance itself into the narrative. But Act II lacks the power of ensemble — the night terrors — that makes the Wilis such a formidable collective.

The dancers are uniformly good, though, and understand the importance of presentation. Jayne Regan is a lovely mover, and her Giselle radiates beauty despite the undernourishment of both her body and her spirit. Denis Malinkine, the handsomest of Albrechts, dances very well indeed: big lines, cushioned

landings, long jumps. Lez Brotherston, the ideal dance designer, here does it again, setting the scene brilliantly but never intruding on the dance. John Pryce-Jones conducted the NBT Orchestra: an impressive sound with limited resources.

DEBRA CRAINE



# In the name of the teacher

FESTIVAL: John Allison attends

the annual Saito Kinen, in Japan

It was the tenth anniversary fields. Indeed, it is the kinen of Saito's death that inspired more than the geographical background — this is by no Ozawa, in collaboration with his colleague Kazuyoshi means the only festival of Akiyama, to gather up an orchestra of their mentor's Western music in Japan that makes the event unique former students for a Tokyo Saito Kinen translates as concert. The Saito Kinen Or-"memorial to Saito". The celchestra was born, but its list and conductor Hideo Saito players went back to their (1902-74) is venerated as the regular jobs in orchestras around the world. Between educationist responsible for 1987 and 1991 they met again the incredible postwar blosfor three highly successful European tours, and in 1992 became both the centrepiece and rasion d'être of the annual, ten-day summer festival

hours; every year the festival is ten to 15 times oversubscribed, making even Bayreuth look deeply unpopular.

The Saito Kinen Orchestra's sound, based on some of the boldest and yet most radiant string playing around, reveals a level of commitment that Ozawa finds very stimulating. The atmosphere takes everyone back to their student days," he says. "They become newly excited by the music and stop being hardened professionals. They're happy to rehearse overtime, even in sections. Players listen to each Ozawa founded at Matsumoother and, like chamber musicians, are in constant eye

Seat prices may be high, but contact. Saito's theory was that tickets are snapped up within an orchestra is made of cham-

performance of romantic

sweep, but also, in the best Saito tradition, one of great discipline. John Mark Ainsley's Evangelist led a classy line-up of soloists from which Thomas Quasthoff, a Jesus of imposing presence, and Christiane Oelze, a soprano soloist of heartfelt intensity, stood out.

players understand this."

Among the other events, which included jazz by the Marcus Roberts Trio, a cultivated Schöne Mullerin from Wolfgang Holzmair and the children's concert that Ozawa himself always directs, Kent Nagano's appearance as the first guest conductor here was notable. He drew exciting string playing in Shostakovich's Chamber Symphony and inspiration from the local Tree Line in a programme



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THE INVENTION OF LOVE: Tom THE INVECTION OF LOVE Ton Stoppard's new play with John Wood as the elderly A. E. Housman, careful to keep his love tile private, unlike Oscar Wilde, who also appears Paul Fiftys plays the young Housman and Michael Bryant is Charon ferrying the dead across the Styl. Richard Eyre directs.

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Festival Hatt, South Bank, SE1 (0171-960 4242) 7 30pm (5) ELSEWHERE

EIRAMORIANE The world premiers of Asyle, a new work by rsing young composer Thomas Adés takes place here tonight. Sir Smon Rattle conducts, the City of Birmingham Systephony Orchestra, the ladies of the CBS Chor.

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Today the Tate Gallery announces that it has purchased a superb early Mondrian. Richard Cork reports

ondrian's pioneering journey from careful scrutiny of nature to uncompromising abstraction is one of the seminal achievements in modern art. But until now the Tate Gallery's permanent collection has lacked a work from the early part of his career. So the purchase for £1.6 million of his 1910 painting Church at Zoute-

6 On one lande is an exciting event for all Mondrian devolevel. tees, Acquired from Acquavella Mondrian's Fine Art in New York, with the help painting is of the National Art Collections Fund, strikingly the Friends of the Tate, an anonyprophetic 9 mous foundation

from the Heritage Lottery Fund, the canvas transforms the gallery's representation of a key 20th-century Hanging now in the Tate's

and £i.1 million

Mondrian exhibition, Church at Zoutelande was painted at a turning point in his develop-ment. Earlier on, he had devoted himself to a rapt exploration of the Dutch landscape. Fascinated by deserted locations and times of day when forms became simplified in the fading light, he pre-ferred to produce subdued images. Between 1908 and 1910,

though, Mondrian spent his summers at Domburg, a Dutch resort near Zoutelande and a centre for experimental artists. Here, focusing on the dunes and the sea, he stripped his work of incidental detail.

While still closely allied to scenes he studied on the spot, ed paintings also reflected a growing spiritual involvement. In 1909 Mondrian joined an Amsterdam soci-

SCHUBERT did not orchestrate the

songs he wrote for voice and piano; the

very intimacy of the medium inspired some of his most personal, painful

music. Later admirers were in turn

inspired by such extremity of expres-

sion to enlarge their scope for the orchestra and the concert hall. But how

heavy the hands of Brahms, Reger and

their like weighed on this rather

The German baritone Matthias

Görne, protégé of Fischer-Dieskau, is

aiready hailed as a star. He brought a

poetic ardour to these works, turning

each phrase end with grace. His grasp

of the shape of the songs and his ability

to sustain are mesmeric. Wehmut, for

instance, became a single breath of

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movement founded on the unifying belief that religions throughout the world all stem from the same origin. His pictures of the period reveal a more exalted mood, becoming increasingly saturated with light. Everything now seems aside brooding bulk in favour of intense luminosity.

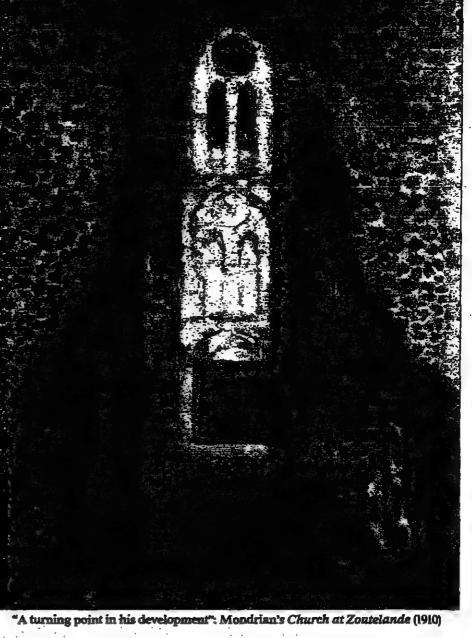
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The full extent of the change is dramatised in the Tate survey, where Church at Zoutelande now hangs next to an earlier painting eartier painting called Mill at Domburg. Re-duced to a dim silhouette, the mill itself disappears as night advances. The solitary slash of yellow light still visible in the sky

will soon vanish. immersing the entire locale in blackness. Church at Zoute lande, by contrast, boils in an unusually ferocious summer sun. Behind the building, a brilliant blue betokens high temperatures for the rest of the

But the sky is breaking up. A blazing pink seems to be forcing its way through from behind, as though the sun were threatening to burn the very air. The church could almost be on fire, lit up by an inflammatory combination of scarlet and orange. Even the slender shadows cast by the buttresses are blue, and pierced by builders of redness. The whole building appears on the verge of melting in the furnace-like giare. Mondrian, however, refuses

to rob this church of its substance. The façade may look almost molten, but finally stays firm. Confidently occupying the middle of the composition, it rises in a sturdy vertical from the burnished ety devoted to theosophy, a earth. Its apex, sliced off by the



top of the canvas, surges beyond our vision towards the heavens. And Mondrian's interest in architecture ensures that he includes a surprising amount of detail in the build-

ing's central section.

Here his palette cools to a pale puce, allowing him to specify the narrow arched windows and circular apertures with scrupulous care. The rhythm of his brushmarks alters, too. The freely applied dabs of pigment that give the outer walls so much brazen vitality are replaced. further in, by a more encrust-ed paint-surface. It conveys a sense of durability.

The power of this painting derives from the tension between the sensual and the cerebral. Nothing could be more ardent than the dahs of fiery colour that turn the church into a victim of sunstroke. But Mondrian setting the independence of counters their incendiary imcounters their incendiary impact with a more austere need for pictorial order. Even as his sensations threaten to overwhelm him, he insists on controlling them. Alongside the scorching hedonism in this picture, an analytical strain is: evident. It dictates the choice of the complementary blue and orange, showing how he allied himself with the colour theories of Fauvism and

Divisionism. More important, in terms of his later development, is the search for a stern. systematic discipline. It reaches an intriguing climax in the rectangle directly below the arched windows. As if to stress its significance, Mondrian paints warm yellow stripes around the rectangle's edges. They detach it slightly from the

surrounding architecture, as-

it a number of lines run in criss-cross sequence, red on blue. They set up a loosely painted grid, strangely akin to the obsessive structure he would deploy so much in his abstract work. On one level, then, Church

at Zoutelande is strikingly

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prophetic. It helps us to understand why Mondrian would be ready to grasp and absorb the lessons of Cubism. But the Tate's new acquisition also reveals how much pressure of feeling lies behind the rigour of his subsequent art. He was a fiercely emotional painter, even if the wilder side of his temperament was curbed in later\_canvases. Church as Zoutelande shows him still struggling to make sense of his

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yearning. But such sincerity, combined with the sometimes unwieldy orchestrations and generally slow tempos, threatened to bring others, such as Memnon and Greisengesang, to a hait. The former is burdened by Brahms's full winds and horns, but Greisengesung fares better with his wonderful. dark-hued passages for voice with celios and violas, and for bassoon alone, a context which brought out the richness in Görne's sound.

Webern's spare instrumentation in Transnregen unloosed a sense of flow in soloist and orchestra, but one still longed to hear Gorne sing this halting lyric in its true context.

Roger Norrington, who twice gave engaging and formal explanations to the audience, had decided to substitute the programmed Beethoven overture with Schubert's Fifth Symphony. His idea was that Schubert songs should

lie in a framework of two great lyrical symphonies - the other was Schumann's Second. Certainly it served to show two faces of Schubert, despite one being distorted. The Fifth, exuberant and neat, could not be further from the meditative songs that followed it.
But the highlight of the evening was

the Schumann, Norrington's own favourite. It is a magnificent work, a therapeutic endeavour during a mental breakdown, whose psychological agonies are sublimated into an object of such formal beauty that it must leave a modern audience awestruck. The London Philharmonic gave a warm, persuasive performance.

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Latest: the Horlicks have viewed 8. The Little Bolto

### House rules for the Horlicks mart London estate Rachel Kelly discovers the prizes spent large sums redecorating agents are talking about "doing a their current six-bedroom

kitchen in place of the previous warren of rooms. And they have again chosen autumn as the time to instruct agents Russell Simpson. They are not the only ones trading up in the area. The Horlicks have viewed 8, The Little Boltons, a house opposite theirs which has seven bedrooms and a large southfacing garden, and is currently owned by Birgitte Countess of Stockton, ex-wife of the Earl of

white stucco home at 5. The

Little Boltons, installing a new

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Court, Drayton Gardens, Chelsea, for £50,000. The Stockton. She has put it on the market for £3.6 million Horlick formula has been through Jackson Stops & Staff and is moving to Osborne ing work in Central or up-and-House, South Bolton Gardens. Clearly such extravagant trade-ups are possible only for within a year if the market is those with extravagant salaries. Mrs Horlick is launching a fund management business for the French bank Société Générale, while her husband is head of corporate finance at Salomon Brothers. Estimates

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The best properties to buy are those which require too much work for the average buyer to tackle, but too little to make them attractive to a professional developer, Mr

rich sources. But there can be problems, especially in a rising market. There are the obvious pitfalls in dealing with builders and other suppliers. And in a rising market, you must make

Cuthili says. Auctions can be

sure you have really gained and not just raised the price in line with the market," Mr Cuthill says. Adam Carey of Friend & Falcke's Chelsea office warns of "extension tension", as it is known in the

business: getting planning permission can be fraught. Build relationships with a trusted surveyor, builder and estate agent. You can become known as a "performer" who will provide repeated fees, says Richard Crosthwaite from Knight Frank. Insiders also stress the need to spoil the

person who will ultimately

buy the property: spend on the master suite but not on the

children's bathroom.

Trading up is likely to remain a game best played in London. In the countryside it is harder to find suitable houses and suitable buyers.

David Nicholson, director of

the building survey depart-ment at John D. Wood, says: "Many people forget to consider VAT and are overenthusiastic about the final price.

They do not appreciate the need to pay an expert to guide them through the planning and building regulations, or the cost of raising money. Transportable mortgages with no penalties attached, fixed for two or three years, are best."

Mr Nicholson estimates that only one in 20 people succeeds in "doing a Horlick". And it was ever thus. Property history is littered with insol-



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### On the move from wreck to wreck

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into a three-bedroom Victorian terraced house in Wandsworth for which we paid about £150,000," says public relations director Mrs Elston. When Edward was born two years

later, we felt we needed more space and wanted to move up to the next rung - a four-bedroom, two-bathroom house. The couple saw a double-fronted

for £175,000 and moved into rented accommodation for three months while much of the work was completed. "Layout was the main problem." says Mrs Elston, "but we made one bedroom into two, and another bedroom into a

bathroom. We did up the top half first and moved into a house with no kitchen. We lived on UHT milk and used plastic plates. But we were catapulted two or three rungs up the ladder. "When we had almost finished I was

expecting Rupert, and we felt the house was not big enough for four. The choice was to move to the country, or up another three rungs."

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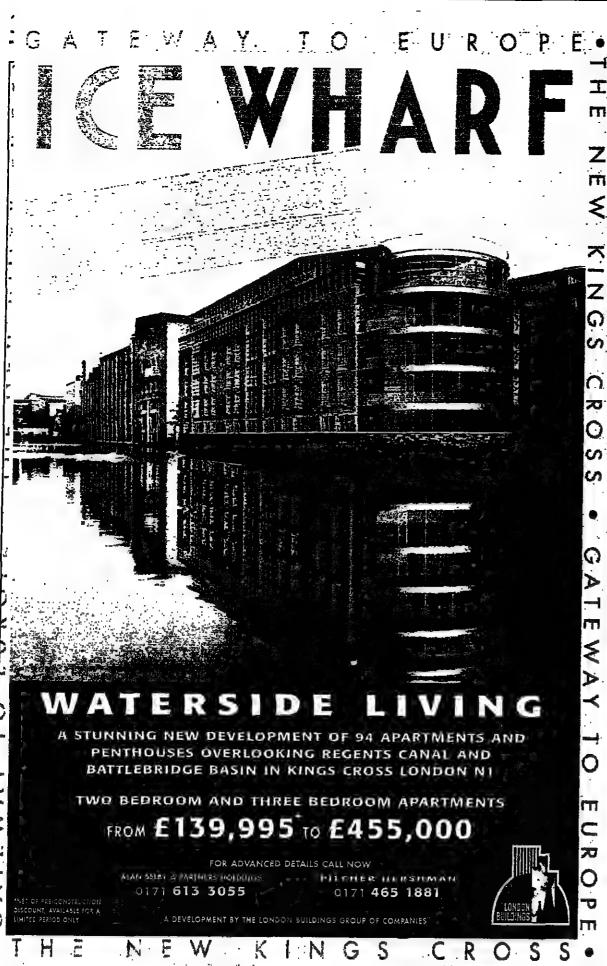


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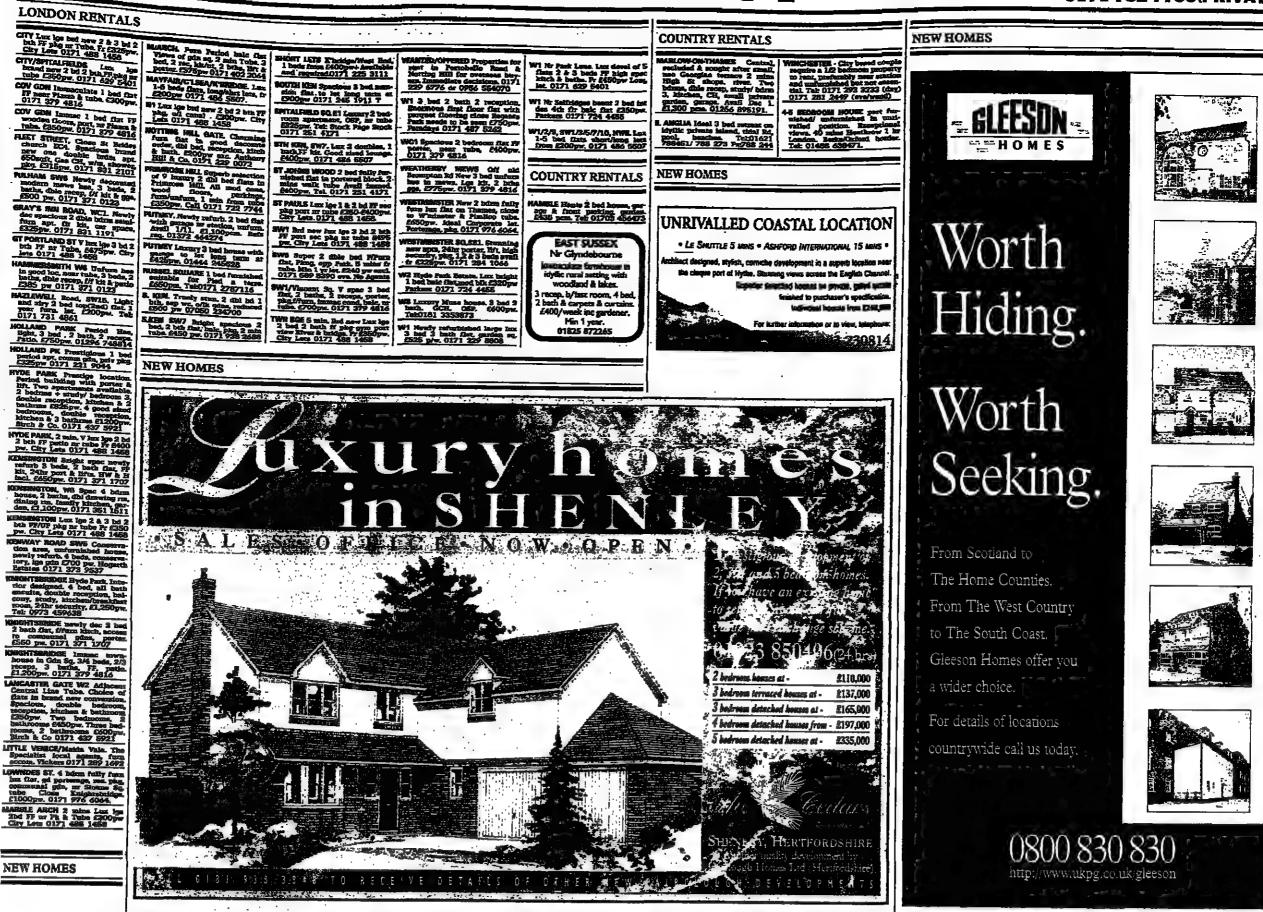
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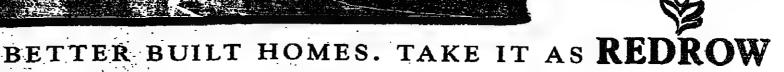
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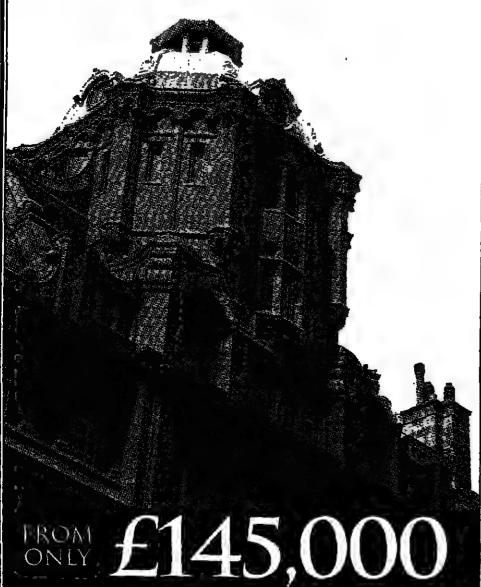
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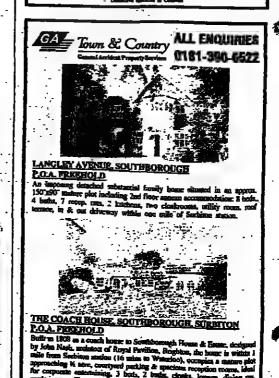
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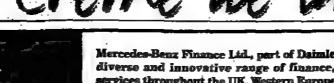
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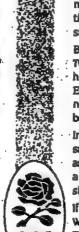
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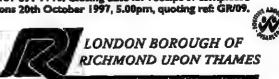
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CHRIS WARD

# Looking after the man who looks after Elton'

What is it like to be a secretary who mixes with celebrities in the

music business? Victoria McKee talks to Julie Burgin

ulie Burgin keeps a passport handy in her Hammersmith office, in London. "I'm always ready to go off to New York on Concorde, or wherever, Ms Burgin,

30. savs. She is secretary to John Reid of John Reid Enterprises, which represents Elton John, Andrew Lloyd-Webber, Lionel Ritchie and the new R&B act Another Level among other celebrity clients in the entertainment industry. "I've worked for John Reid for only a

short time. Before that I worked for Andrew Lloyd-Webber's Really Useful Company and, before that, for Lowe Bell Communications. But in this job. I've already been to New York and to John Reid's house in the South of France. I do love the travel. It's a big

There are other perks, too, which Ms Burgin enjoys: shopping, for example.
"It's fun leading a fantasy lifestyle during the day. You spend someone else's money buying lovely things in lovely shops. I did a lot of present laws unriging at least laws." buying when I was working at Lowe Bell Communications. Sir Tim Bell was wonderfully kind to his staff, and I went to places such as Tiffany and Jo Malone. There's something fun about walking out of these shops with big bags even if they're not for you."

Getting to know celebrities such as Elton John has also been a treat. "Since my job is looking after John Reid, and his job is looking after others, they come through to me on the telephone and I get to speak to them all," she

"I used to go to all Andrew Lloyd-Webber's shows. There's a great deal of excitement involved in working for someone with an exciting life. You find yourself living their life during the day, even if at the end of it you do go home to Fulham to do your own washing and ironing, and shopping at

Some people might object to being on call 24 hours a day, and not having an executive salary to match the executive responsibility. Ms Burgin, however, like most successful secretar-

ies for successful people, thrives on that lifestyle — as does her boss. "I'd never say 'But it's Saturday' to John, although he's a fair man and understands that I do have my private life," she says. "But if John requires me to go somewhere, I'll drop everything, I might be going to America for Elton's US tour if John has to spend time there, and I'd like that. I don't suppose this job would suit someone with a partner and family."

The recent surge of interest in Elton John after he sang at the funeral of Diana, Princess of Wales, and then released the new version of Candle in the Wind, has generated an enormous amount of work for Ms Burgin. Because he performed at the funeral, people feel Elton John is the connection to Diana, but he can't be everywhere and do everything. We've been getting a huge amount of requests for Eiton

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LENNOX LEWIS, and certain members of his camp, fear that his American promoters might be plotting his down-fall. It is to be hoped that Lewis's American trainer, Emanuel Steward, can convince Lewis that things are not quite how the British perceive

Frank Maloney, Lewis's manager, has a theory that, because Lewis has not looked impressive in his past two contests - against Oliver McCall, who burst into tears and refused to fight on, and Henry Akinwande, who also refused to fight and was disqualified - HBO, the American television company behind Lewis, and Main Events, Lewis's American promoters, now wish to drop him.

According to Maloney, to achieve this they have manoeuvred Lewis into a defence of his World Boxing Council title here on Saturday against Andrew Golota, the rough. Riddick Bowe, was twice disqualified for throwing low punches against the former champion, and eventually sent him into retirement.

If Golota can send Lewis into retirement as well, the two companies would have got rid of someone they perceive as a boring heavyweight who could not draw the crowds, and brought to the fore a controversial, white heavyweight champion who is as volatile as Mike Tyson. Whatever else, such a man would never be boring and always sell on pay-per-view tele-

Maloney said: "HBO and Main Events would like to see Lennox get beat because his last two fights have not been stunning. Golota is the best commodity in the heavyweight division. He is white, he is Polish and so has a huge following here. He is unpre-dictable and, like Tyson, breaks the rules if necessary. fight between Tyson and Golota would be mega."

Maloney's argument makes sense from a commercial point of view for the two American companies, but the conspiracy

Golota holds an open-air training session in Times Square, New York, as he prepares for his bout with Lewis theory fails down because Lewis is, arguably, the best heavyweight in the world and too important a champion to be cast aside so casually. indeed, on Saturday, Lewis could well underline his quali-

Lewis said: "It would be in their best interests to see me beaten because they have

ties by knocking out Golota. It

is not surprising that Main Events want Golota to win,

though. He is managed by the

more control over Golota and more invested in him. That's why they have put him in with me. It's business. They are taking a gamble because I have been the victim of bad

"It seems that I have been appointed to get rid of misfits in the heavyweight division. Like McCall and Akinwande, I'll get rid of Golota as well. I've got a score to settle because he beat Bowe before I got to him. I'll take Golota out

as early as possible so he can't no problem. It was important get to the stage where he fights dirty." for Lewis to have a testing

"We need Golota as bad as Steward put the right interpretations on the situation. Golota needs us," Steward After the fiascos against said. "You have to fight the fighter the American public McCall and Akinwande, HBO want, which is the standard did not want any more flops and stood in the way of an the world goes by. I told easy bout against Brian Lennox: You don't have the Neilsen, an overweight Dane. market value, brother. This is Main Events asked Steward your first pay-per-view. This is whether Lewis would consider your chance to go out and Golota as an opponent and make yourself a star in Steward said there would be

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A sigh fills the air, "I should," Phil Edmonds, former Middlesex and — on and off - England cricketer, said to his future biographer, "have been a golfer." But even then his future biographer (for it was I) scoffed silently and said to himself: "No you shouldn't. Who would you argue with if you were on your own? Who would you blame if you were not in a team. With whom would you celebrate? You may be awkward and difficult and studiously different from the rest, but you're still a team man

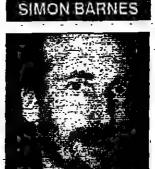
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But as we know, once every two years golf changes its fundamental nature. Everything in the dynamic of the sport is altered. For we have the Ryder Cup: 12 rampant, self-absorbed (to use no harsher term) individuals are suddenly shoehorned into a team. Overnight, they are expected to look after each other, care for each other, win for each other. And the added weight is, as we see, crushing,



Midweek View

That is what makes the Ryder Cup such intriguing viewing. even to those (who can I be thinking of?) who do not care for the game under normal

How instructive it was to watch Tiger Woods, the strutting master of Augusta, the prodigy, the sable enfant dore, reduced to a lost little boy. How instructive, too, to

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very sure that the Ryder Cup will find you out. That is the

beauty of the event. It is the

beauty, too, of Davis Cup

are forced to turn themselves into a team. We don't appreciate the Davis Cup in this country, for the excellent reason that it is years since we had a team that was any good: But Davis Cup tennis is about bottle. Pete Sampras lost two matches in his first Davis Cup final in 1991. "It was probably the most devastating two losses I have ever had. It was awful out there. I hope it never happens again."

I went to watch the final of

the Davis Cup in 1992. United States against, of all people, Switzerland. Sampras was not even trusted with a singles match. Jim Courier was and he lost in five thunderous sets to Marc Rosset. It is arguable that he has never properly recovered from this. "I have seen people rise way above their capacity." Andre Agassi said of Davis Cup termis. And I've seen my capacities

That Davis Cup final of 1991; United States against France, turned on a moment when Guy Forget was match point down. He

vice. Now that is double-edged thing in sport' Davis Cup tennis. There are moments

which team delirium, the bullwatch Iron Man Nick Faldo - at last the nickname he baiting atmosphere traditiondeserves - infecting and inal to the event, inspires. It spiring his own boy partner. almost finished Courier.

A couple of weeks ago. I talked in this space about the way the British three-day eventing team invariably makes such a cock-up of the Olympic Games. It is much the same reason, the terrible. unexpected weight of respon-

You can forgive yourself for an error that affects only you. But to make the mistake that costs the team their win - the muffed open goal, the dropped cross, the wayward over, the bad call, the dropped catch - these are unforgivable, at least by yourself. Bad luck, says a team-mate. Well tried. Or perhaps jovially, never mind, we still love you. And the burden of the team's crushing. Because it is not team-mates who are cruel. It



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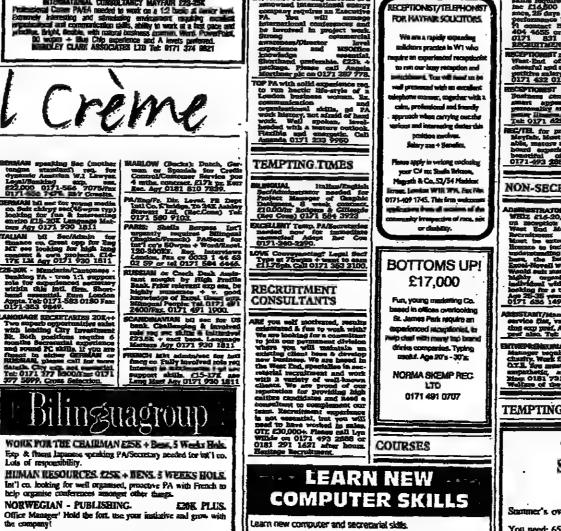
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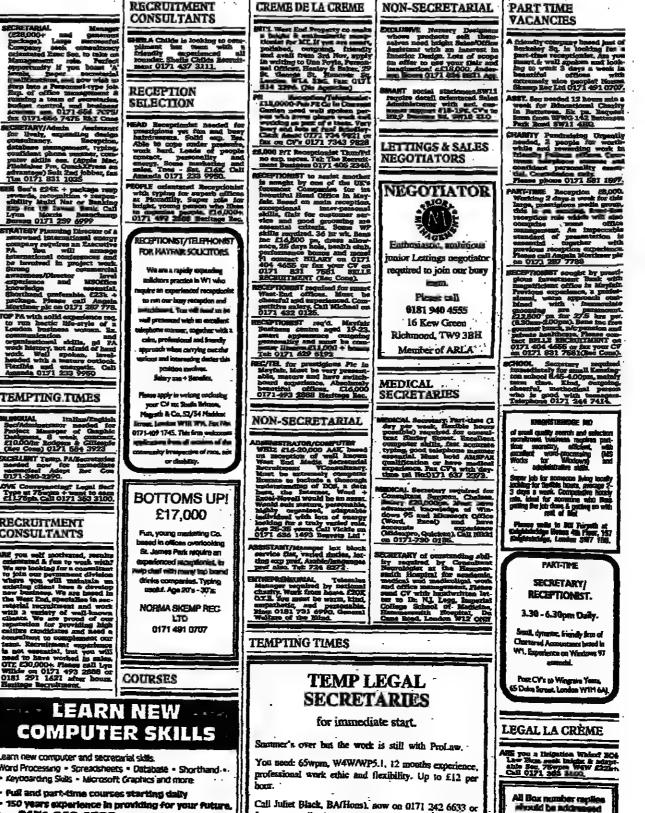
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RACING: SHEIKH MOHAMMED'S HOME-BRED SHOWS CLASSIC ACCELERATION TO CAPTURE CHEVELEY PARK STAKES

Embassy strengthens Guineas claims

By RICHARD EVANS, RACING CORRESPONDENT

JUST 24 hours after Sheikh Mohammed paid a king's ransom to Robert Sangster for four promising two-year-olds. he discovered yesterday that the secret to finding a potential champion may lie nearer to home. Embassy, a home-bred, rocketed to favouritism for next year's 1,000 Guineas after producing a sparkling burst of acceleration to win the Shadwell Stud Cheveley Park Stakes at Newmarket

The David Loder-trained two-year-old, whose dam, Pass The Peace, won the same race in 1988, was reared on the sheikh's Kildangan Stud in Ireland and as the sire, Cadeaux Genereux, is owned by his older brother, it is safe to assume the attractive bay filly cost next to nothing.

Ironically, Cape Verdi, one of the quartet bought by the sheikh's Godolphin operation from Sangster in the multimillion pound package, could finish only fourth to Embassy yesterday, having been sent off 11-8 favourite.

Embassy tracked Shmoose along the stands' rail and was being niggled along after a couple of furlongs, but as the field approached the dip Kieren Fallon pulled her out for a run and she quickened past her rivals in a matter of strides. Crazee Mental kept on to snatch the minor honours from Royal Shyness.

The Tote reacted most favourably to the 24-length victory, cutting Embassy to 3-1 favourite for the 1,000 Guineas. "The Guineas goes to horses that performed well at the top level as two-year-olds. They never come from the clouds to win it." Rob Hartnett, the Tote spokesman,

However, there must be a doubt about Embassy's ability to see out a stiff mile. Pass The Peace was second in the French Guineas while the average winning distance for Cadeaux Genereux's three-

RICHARD BYANS

Nap: KAFTAN (2.10 Newcastle) Next best: Mezzoramio (3.45 Newcastle)

September was a great month for The Times racing team. Richard Evens won the Sporting Life's monthly prize with a profit of 220.45, while Thunderer claimed has feath. his fourth monthly prize this year in Racing Post's National Press Challenge.

year-old progeny is 712 fur-longs. Aside from the breeding, Embassy is a compact filly and there must be a question as to how much improvement she will find next season.

Before yesterday's race, Loder harboured doubts about her stamina and, while the manner of her success increased his hopes, he remains far from confident. "She's got tremendous acceleration and killed the opposition today. I expect we will

start her next year in the Nell Gwyn to see whether she gets seven furlongs. We have got to give her a chance to be a Guineas filly, but I would have reservations about a mile. There is a lot of speed on both sides of her pedigree."

While Loder and Sheikh

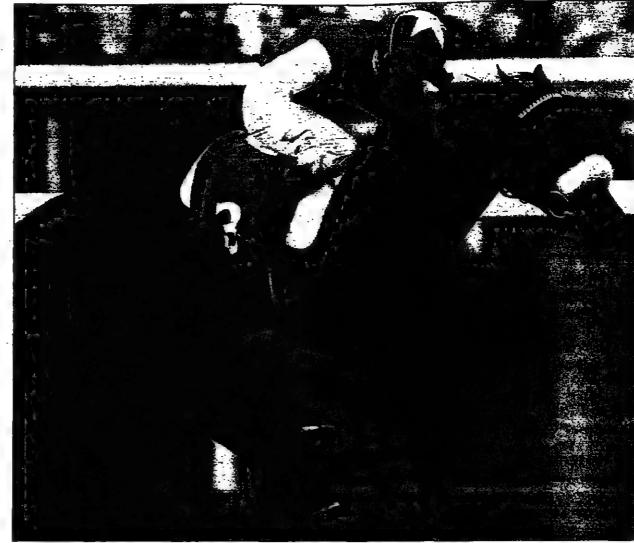
Mohammed grabbed the glory, Roger Charlton and Harry Herbert's Highelere Thoroughbred Racing operation enjoyed the kind of pay-day which even the gentlemen from Dubai would not sniff at. The Tattersalls Houghton Sales Conditions Stakes, which offers £300,000 in bomuses on top of £25,000 prizemoney, was won in effortless style by Tamarisk, while Sapphire Ring, also trained at Beckhampton by Charlton, finished second — and between them won a cook

£200,000. Headhunter, whose

fourth place earned £10,000, also belongs to the winner's

OWTIETS. .

Herbert's upmarket syndicates are widely recognised as being the best run in the land, and the 30 members of the Beacon Hill team who paid out £10,000 each for three yearlings 12 months ago can now dream of further glory. Roger Charlton is very keen to supplement the unbeaten Tamarisk for the Dewhurst Stakes. "He's a proper horse," Charlton said. The bookmakers agree and the Green Desert colt is generally 16-1 for the 2,000 Guineas.



Embassy, ridden by Fallon, powers clear to land the Shadwell Stud Cheveley Park Stakes at Newmarket yesterday

## Newmarket starts sectional timing

NEWMARKET yesterday took a lead on its rivals by becoming the first track to introduce a sophisticated sectional timing system. Trials of the system which times racehorses every two furlongs were put into operation with plans for its full implementation by Saturday's Cambridge

shire meeting. The course has invested £200,000 installing the equipment which records the times of each horse when a signal from a special transponder inserted in the weight cloth

is received at each marker. During earlier experiments some of the £200 transponders were discovered discarded in saddling boxes and parts of the racecourse. But with the equipment more securely fastened into the cloth, racecourse chairman Peter Player expects sectional timing to become "the most important innovation since starting stalls".

He said: "Every other sport with a speed element has some form of sectional timing and it's about time we took up the initiative by trying to catch up with them," he said. "In the fullness of time it will benefit everybody and we able system."

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## 2.40 PRICE WATERHOUSE MAIDEN AUCTION STAKES (Div ): 2-Y-O; £2,950; 7() (12 runners)

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1996: JULIETTA MA 8-11 J D Smith (11-4) B Hills 9 mm

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### Labeq doubtful

LABEQ, favourite for Satur-day's Tote Cambridgeshire Handicap at Newmarket, is unlikely to run. His trainer, Peter Walwyn, said: "Labeq worked well yesterday, but was a bit stiff this morning."

#### 3.45 BOLLINGER CHAMPAGNE SERIES HANDICAP (Amateurs: £3,022: 1m) (16 runners)

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#### 5.15 EBF CALDERPRINT MARDEN STAKES (2-Y-0: £3,420: 60) (5 runners) RHBAS (770) KFandan 95 1988: DAVETIME S-8 II Cocknon (6-4) II Cologium 5 Fin

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#### YESTERDAY'S RESULTS

#### Newmarket

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1.30 (7) 1. Temerisk (T Sprake, 5-4 lav. Richard Evens's hap); 2. Sapphire Fing (7-1), 3. Putane (33-1). 13 ran NR. Zelans Gora, 3%, S. R. Charlton Toler 22.30, 21.50, 22.30, 27.80. DF: 95.50. Tro: E74.RO ISSF 98.81.

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2.00 (6f) 1, EMBASSY (K. Falkon, 5-2); 2, Crazos Mentel (D. Holland, 16-1), 3, Royal Shymess (Paul Eddary, 16-1), ALSO RAN 11-8 fav. Cape Verd (4th), 11-2 Shymoces, 10 Nackwain (5th), 16 Miss Zelonic, 20 Heseromandi (5th), 8 cm. 24), 141, 141, 141, 154, D. Loder at Newmentel, Tote C3.60; £1 10, £2.40, £3 90, DF, £22.40 CSF.

240 (1m 4f) 1, Solo Milo (M Hills, 9-1), 2, 10ma (7-2); 4ev); 3, Dance So Surie (7-2); 4ev), 10 mm, 245, 4l, 5 Hills Tota: 29 40; 22.20, 21.90, 22.20, DF: £18.20, Trio d: £123.91 8.10 (1m 2f) 1, Flint Knepper (G Miligan, 3-1 tav); 2, Militameo (7-1); 3, Polar Prospect (9-2), 14 ran, 3h hd, nk, G Wang Tote: £3.30; £1 90, £2.90, £2.60 DF, £18.10, Tric: £26.70, CSF, £22.27 Titeast: £92.84.

EAS (Im) 1, Success And Glory (K Faton, 11-10 lent; 2, Way Cut Yonder (3-1), 3, Jamon'n Dencer (16-1). B ran. 51. 41. H Ceol. Tote: 52-10, 51-10, 51-10, 54.00, DF, 52-20, CSF, 53.78. Jackpot: £7,100.00 (0.7 winning tickets. Pool of £1,898.82 carried forward to November tocket.

Novicentia todiny). Pteospot: \$80.50. Quadpot: \$8.90. Wolverhampton

Going: standard 2.25 (5i) 1. Blue Kite (T.G. McLaughin, Evens tav); 2. Love Again (8-1); 3. Mary June (16-1), 33 ran, 194, 294 N. Listmoden, Tota. £1 50; £1.10, £1.60, £4.50. DF: £2.30, Tino £28.20, CSF-£5.60. 2.250. Tim 100yd) 1, Coline Cholon (P Bradley, 7-2 fm/r; 2, Vim Chino (10-1); 3, Lady Silk (20-1); 13 mm 35-1, M J Spearing, Tote 94 50; 21 60; 22 30, 29, 10 DF 924 80 Tim. 2233 80 (part mon. Pool of 2352 46 carried forward to 4 45 Newcaste today) CSF 234 35. 3.30 (Im 61 168/01 1, Onefourseven (I Williams, 11-4 fey); 2, Balcounthickale (11-2); 3, Ventreen (12-1), 12 can 4, 134, 1 Eyrs. Tale 22-50; 21-60; C1-50, C3-90, DF: 212:30 Trac. £48.00 CSF: \$15.46 Treast 2145-48

1745 48 4.05 (6) 1. State Of Caution (C Lowline, 14-1); 2. Mailbu Man (5-1 tay); 3. Forcing Bid (6-1). 18 ran. M. 19; D Shaw. Tote 59:20; 52:60, 52:20, 53:00. DF: 534.90 Trop 1:65:40, CSF: £74.05 Trocast 5449.40.

4.40 (51) 1, Maiozza (J F Egen, 13-2), 2. Seős (8-1); 3, 10te (7-2 fen), 13 ran 21, 6, P Exans. Toller E12.10; E5 90, 62.20, 62 00. DF, 651.90, Trio E56.00, 639-659-96 5-10 (m) 100ycl 1, Beparicrd (M) Batchelor, 4-1 (av); 2, Ponna Sophe (8-1), 3, Eastingh (25-1) (3 ran 1 k) (3-1, G, Ldoore, 10cr; 64-30; 28 (), 61,00, 65,90 DF: \$29,60, Trio: \$86,80 CSF, \$25,82 DF\*259.60. (no 500 db Cs\*\* 255 de 5-40 (1m if 79)d) 1. Permost (G Duffield, 6-4 law), 2. Fustand Chentry (7-1), 3. Soden (15-2) 13 cm 35; 8. M Prescon Tote. 22-00; £1.0. 22-50, £5 10. DF 59 60. CSF £12.38 Tricast £65.21 Perceptit £58.10. Quadpot £19.70.

#### Sedgefield Going: good to firm

2.15 (2m 1/ India) 1, Albemine (A Magure, 3-1), 2, Belind (8-1), 3, Brambies Way (4-6 lay), 6 ran. 4f, sh hd. P Eccles, Tota, £3 50; £1,60, £1,90, DF: £9,70 CSF £22.55 2.50 (2m 5f 110)d hale) 1, Sharp Command (A Magure, 7-2); 2, Name O Our Father (11-10 lav); 3, Red Jam Jar (7-2) 5 ran. 11, 4. P Ecose, Tota, 55 80, 52 90, \$1,10, DF 25 40, CSF, \$7,72 3.20 (2m 57 ch) 1. Sues Leat (E Celloghan, 1-3 law); 2. Kings Minchal (7-1); 3. Whitspales Willie (4-1). 5 ran MP-Heckelts Cross, Meestmelle. 51 nk. J Jefferson, Tote 11-40, 11-10, 12-50. DF: 11-90 CSF: 51.80.

3.55 (2m Si chi) 1, Pennybridge (A P McCoy, 3-1), 2 Locimagram (8-15 tax), 3. The Toester (12-1), 4 ran, NR; Newhall Prince, 51, 33-1 | Ferguson Tote: \$3.50. DF 52.10 CSF: \$5.11 A-30 (2m 5) 110 of hole 1, Moneco Gold (P Niven, 46 lav): 2, Pted Neck (5-1), 3, Poppy's Dearn (16-1), 8 ren, 31, 21 Mrs M Revoley, Tota: \$1.80, \$1.40, \$1.10, \$1.10, DF \$23-40 CSF: \$4.67

5.00 (2m if Ia0 1. Superpride (P Niver, 15-8 fav); 2. Noble Tom (5-2); 3. Mudlark (10-1), 9 ran. 5; 4. Mrs M Reveley, Tole: 52.00; £1.70, £2.20, £2.30, DF-£5.50 Trio £14.60, CSF: £7.41. Placapot £78.90. Quadpot £32.00.

#### My Emma given Arc go-ahead

MY EMMA has been cut to 10-1 (from 12-1) by Ladbrokes for the Prix de l'Are de Triomphe after the filly was yesterday given the go-ahead to run at Longchamp on Sunday. The filly's participation had been put in jeopardy after she slipped and banged herself earlier this month.

## SALISBURY

#### THUNDERER 2.00 in The Sun. 2.30 Ashby Hill. 3.00 Social Charter, 3.35 Flying Harold. 4.05 Wilkins. 4.35

Our Newmarket Correspondent: 3,00 Deterrent

GUING: FIRM DRAW: 8F-1M, HIGH BEST 2.00 EBF AUTUMN MAIDEN STAKES (2-Y-0: £4,426: 6i 212yd) (20 runners)

000 ARCTIC STAR 6 M Charmon 9-0 BOREAS HILL J Almold 9-0 GLEANING HILL M Status 9-0 HART HELL M PROCEST 9-0 6 LONG ISLAMO BS R Humon 9-0 0 MAGIC POWERS 14 G BAIRING 9-4 

18 (2) ATTOPH E Lunion B-9 3 O Donothol 69 (14) On LA LYONESSE 42 J Hols B-9 M Honry (3) 68 (15) 00 SURPRESS CAPA 68 G Lines B-9 T Sprake 57 7-2 Glasmog Hell, 5-1 in The Son, 7-1 Hort Hell, Burzells, 6-1 Khopn, 10-1 Pressurion, 15-1 Lucky Double, Honry Suckle, 16-1 offers:

## 2.30 FONTHILL HANDICAP (£3,464; 1m 11 209yd) (18)

(£3,464; 7fm 1/2 USY/Q) (7d)

2 (12,0000 ALPMINS 20 ft.6) Baiding 9-9-12 L Masterson (7)

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3 (11) 3664 SEATULE MLEY 137 (D.F) P R Webber 4-9-9 R Partison 37

4 (2) 3014 TRATEMENTS 16 (D.F.G.) C Horgen 6-9-9 D O'Decolous 37

5 (7) 0030 SERMINITY 11 (D.F) B Millions 6-9-6 M Frence 37

6 (8) 2030 SERMINITY 11 (D.F) B Millions 6-9-6 M Frence 37

7 (3) 0163 MANUMENT 20 (D.F.B) P James 9-9-6 M Harden 13)

7 (4) 10 10 MANUMENT 20 (D.F.B) P James 9-4 M Frence 37

9 (14) 5500 ARVERY PML 14 (D.F.S.S.) R hore 5-9-4 S Carter 38

10 (16) 4100 SARCHS DAUBHTER 16 (D.F.B) J Amerit 5-9-3 S Carter (8)

10 (16) 4100 SARCHS DAUBHTER 16 (D.F.B) J Amerit 5-9-3 S Carter (8) 

#### 9-2 Absolute (Japon 11-2 Monament 13-2 Thatchmacter 7-1 Mesclotum. Allebaal B-1 Scattle Alley, 18-1 Alacrust, Haroldon 12-1 others 3.00 CRANBORNE CONDITIONS STAKES (2-Y-0: £4,461: 61) (7)

(2) 1194 PD2HOM BARON 14 (G) B Mentun 9-6 G Hannon (7) 75 (4) 0055 BOLD EDGE 11 (D,5) R Hannun 9-1 Dama O'Nielli [114] (S) 0027 DETERBENT 16 (D,5) J Scooten 9-1 L Decom 108 (3) 7-6 SOCKL CHARRER 42 (D,5) P (Chappin-Yann 9-1 J Rude 100 (3) 16 TOBLERSOMS 21 (D,5) R Alanhers 9-1 To Larm 101 (12) 2550 R (Alanher B-12 L B) B Meeton 18-12 B Daffield 108 (7) 0000 REGALD 56 D Hyde 8-12 R Hantin (3) 77 6-4 Determent, 11-4 Bold Edge, 4-1 Social Chimies 6-1 Tebbirsong, 14-1 Picton Baton, 16-1 Flamming Ember, 30-1

#### BRIGHTON

THUNDERER

2.20 High Money, 2.50 Truth Teller, 3.25 Forum, 3.55 ELLWAY LADY (nap), 4.25 Double Gold, 4.55 Matoaka, 5.25 Easy Song. Our Newmarket Correspondent: 2.50 Beware. 3.25 FREEDOM QUEST (nap).

SOING. FIRM DRAW: 5F-1M, LOW NUMBERS BEST SIS

## 2.20 SEAGULL SELLING STAKES (2-Y-O: £1,985: 51 59yd) (7 runners) 11-B Presser Seal, 3-1 Onel Girl 9-2 High Money, 6-1 Sun in The Migralog, 10-1 Stass, Press, 25-1 Verdani Express, 33-1 Lonels Locky Lody

2.50 NEWHAVEN NURSERY HANDICAP (2-Y-O: £2,810: 5f 213yd) (5) 1 3642 BEWARE 11 R Amestoring 8-7 Sentions 12 0x00 FACILE TIESPE 11 S Don 8-8 P Don (7) 3 0x00 TRUTH TELLER 23 (CD.F) R Hammar 8-4 R Firench (3) 5 4 0x50 COUNSEL 16 5 0x50 America 3 M Roberts 4 50 0x00 UNIVERSAL LADY 12 C James 7-13 Mertin Dwyer 2 9-4 Benac. 5-2 Universal Lady. 3-1 Facile Tigre, 6-1 Trails Teller, 7-1 Coursel.

# 3.25 EBF SOMPTING MAIDEN STAKES (2-Y-0: £3,381: 6f 209yd) (8)

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	4	89	RUBANNA 37 P Wateryo 9-0 R Strenct (
	5	00	FLUSH 22 J HDL: 8-9 M HB
	6	2634	FORUM 48 (BF) C Broszig 8-9 M Rober
	7	3	PRIDE OF PLACE 22 D Loser 8-9 Il Gochran
	ß	0	TOTAL TROPIX 6 W Haggas 8-9 A McStor
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			pin, 20-1 Rubaruma, 33-1 Total Tropis

COURSE SPECIALISTS TRAINERS: C Benslad, 5 winners from 15 numers, 33,3%, W Prescott, 16 iron 50, 32,0%, D Lader, 4 from 16, 25,0%, R Alectural, 22 from 97, 22,7%, M Strade, 5 iron 22, 22,7%, J Pearce, 7 from 32, 21,9%. AT 57%.

All CREYS: M Roberts: 24 winners from 69 mags. 27 67%. Martin Duyte.

TO bern 46, 21 7%. R Firench. 8 from 42, 19 0%. J Egen. 6 from 41, 14.6%; S Sanders, 17 from 119, 14.3%; M Wighem, 4 from 28, 14.3%.

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2 (15) 4010 WALK THE BEAT 9 (D.F.B.S) M Mande 7-9-9 3 (12) 060- CORPORAL NYM 350 M R Booking 4-9-8 

(5) 00-6 PRIX DE CLERMONT 186 G Lewis 3-8-13 J D

10 | 6840 SUPERLAD 43 (F.5) | Bridger 5-8-7 ... D Wilders (5) | 13 | (3) | 4005 ROSELLON 14 (D.F) D Arbeitned 6-8-5 | J Willeros (5) | 14 | (15) 0000 MELLONS 13 (D.S) M Heiger-Els 4-8-5 ... A DAY (3) | 15 | (16) 0502 R.YING HARRELD 7 (D.F) M Chancon 4-8-4 ... A POM (6) | (13) 3046 MSTER RADER 13 (B.D.F) E Wheeler 5-9-2 B G Clarry (10) | 17 | (11) 0042 DORAND ELAR 43 (F) L Capel 3-4 | R Wissian (3) | 18 | (8) 1000 TOMAY TEMPEST 23 (V.F.S) R Pascock 8-7-11

#### 4.05 HURDLERS CLAIMING HANDICAP

(11) 1340 SOVEREIGH CREST 14 (V.F.) C Horgan 4-B-12 S Wilderen's 2 (13) ROY WILDINS 6 (CD.E.S) R O'Sulban 6-9-12 J Roid 85 (CD.E.S) R O'Sulban 6-9-12 J Roid 85 (CD.E.S) R O'Sulban 6-9-12 J Roid 85 (CD.E.S) R O'Sulban 6-9-13 J Roid 85 (CD.E.S) R O'Sulban 4-9-10 J Roid 85 (CD.E.S) R O'SULBan 4-9-10 J Roid 8-9-9 J Spraise 3-5 (CD.E.S) R O'SULBan 4-9-10 J Roid 8-9-9 J T Spraise 7-7 (CD.E.S) R O'SULBan 8-9-0 J R Roid 8-9-0 R Roid 8-9-0 R O'SULBan 7-7 (CD.E.S) R Roid 8-9-0 R 3-1 Wilkins, 5-1 Parlettorpe, 7-1 Sovereign Creel, Tarry, Norner Lad, 8-1 Rombucta D'Dr, 10-1 Sationbanco, 14-1 others

#### 4.35 EBF MARLBOROUGH MAIDEN STAKES (2-Y-0: £3,981: 1m) (14)

| (2-Y-O: £3,981: 1m) (14) | 1111 | BALLYNSSAMN D Franch Davis 9-0 | S Drowne | -2 (8) | C ILLE MONE CO I BLISHING 9-0 | S Winstance 8-3 (16) | C ILAESC MARKET F Description 9-0 | J Radd -4 (5) | C ILAESC MARKET F Description 9-0 | J Radd -5 (9) | E ILAEVO J Duntop 9-0 | G Carlet -7 (7) | S IRAND STER 13 Say Nellower 8-0 | A Whetan (3) -7 (7) | S IRAND STAM 13 R Harmon 8-0 | Dave O'Niciti | S IRAND STAM 13 R Harmon 8-0 | Dave O'Niciti | S IRAND STAM 13 R Harmon 8-0 | G Dofffield 5-0 | C IRAND STAM 13 R Harmon 9-0 | R Perham 10 | C IRAND STAM 13 R Harmon 9-0 | R Perham 10 | C IRAND STAM 13 R Harmon 9-0 | R Perham 10 | C IRAND STAM 13 R Harmon 9-0 | R Perham 10 | C IRAND STAM 13 R Harmon 9-0 | R Perham 10 | C IRAND STAM 13 | C IRAND STAM 14 | C IRAND STAM 14 | C IRAND STAM 15 R HARMON STAM 15 R H 3-1 Elberg, 4-1 Closer: Impact, 8-2 Courteous, 6-7 Smrting Voter, 10-1 Grand Starn, 14-1 Base Month, Marcello Hills, 15-1 others.

COURSE SPECIALISTS TRANERS: M Prescott, 5 winners from 13 numers, 38.5%, P Chapphi-Hyani, 10 from 42, 28.8%, J Gosdon, 12 from 52, 23.1%; R Johnson, Haughton, 5 from 55, 20.0%, R Charlior, 16 from 67, 18.4%, M Stanie, 7 from 39, 17.9%, JOCKEYS, G Duffield, 11 winners, born 41 rades, 26.6%, R Harlin, A from 16, 25.0%, L Detton, 26 from 109, 23.9%, G Carler, 30 from 54, 18.2%, T Quinn, 24 from 156, 15.4%, N Varley, 6 from 42, 14.3%,

#### 3.55 LEVY BOARD MAIDEN HANDICAP (£3,044: 1m 3( 196yd) (11)

(E.3, U44: 1 m 3f 196yd) (11)

1 UNO FFE MAJOR 15 6 ME 3-6-10

2 -500 DRF1 11 M PEZZOR 3-9-7

3 -5-50 ACTION 5 TATIONS 7 C Cyper 3-9-7

4 -005 ELLWAY LADY 22 Baldeng 3-9-4

book ES GG 61 R Bezhman 4-9-4

5 020 BELLAGRANN 34 M Fetherston-Goddy 2-9-1

7 US64 ALAGENS (9) S C Widners 3-8-7

8 0500 MARY CIUL 15 H Cardy 3-8-6

9 0-05 ARESH 35 J Flein-Heyer 4-7-13

10 0426 HAYDOWN 37 M R Bosing 5-7-13

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10-1 oftens.

# 4.25 STEYNING HANDICAP (£2,277: 1m 11 209yd) (17)

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1 0000 DARM ABE 15 (D.6) R Historia 49-11 ...... D Denby (7) 1
2 0560 MERC 370 NOWE 16 (20,F) R Historia 3-99 W J O'Conver 15
3 5236 CHERK TO CHERK 9 C Cyrei 3-9-8 A Clark 14
4 6934 TABASCO JAST 13 B Meetina 3-97 ..... M Yebbut 11
5 1000 HARNEY WHITE 15 (D.F.6.5) J Pearce 5-97 .... M Wighton 10
6 0514 REMAN REL 3 (20,F) 6 L Moore 6-9-6 Candy Holors 5
7 5060 DOUBLE 600.D 15 (D.F.6) M Bell 3-9-3 .... M Roberts 7
8 D-07 MAC DATES 7 (F) F Heiger 4-9-3 (Ser) .... A McGlone 6
9 0362 LAW DANCER 15 T Mits 4-92 .... Lisa Hacker (7) 3
10 3163 COLOUR COUNSELLOR 28 (B.C.D.F.6) R Homer 48-11
Martin Dayler 16 11 2331 MUARA RAY 35 (C.G) 6 Lews 3-8-17 ... Retained; (3) 4
12 2666 MITHOUT FRENDS 7 (F.G.S) J Flach-Heyes 3-8-9 R Cochrane 8
13 2211 MARLECUM WALK 7 (D.G) R C Sanas 6-3-7 (Sou) S Sandes; (2) 4
0000 GUILF OF SAM 50 (8) E Wheeler 4-8-1 ... S Carson (7) 13
15 -000 CONIC MILL 44 (D.F) J Pearce 6-8-0 ... G Bardwell 2
16 0024 ROCKY WATERS 35 (V.F.S) M Ushes 8-8-0 ... D McCabe 17
77 0000 FORWARD MISS 9 C Berstend 3-7-10 ... P Doe (7) 9
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#### 9-2 Majara Bay 13-2 Poman Red. 7-1 Tabasco Jazz Max. Cases. Law Dancer, Harlespor Walls, 8-1 Coloni Coursellor, 10-1 others. 4.55 EASTBOURNE LIMITED STAKES

(3-Y-0: £2,277: 7f 214yd) (7) 1 0364 HEART RUL OF SOUL 9 (B.D.F.) P Cole 9-0 R Cochrane 5
2 4300 KARE 33 G L Mode 9-0 ... A Clark 1
3 0300 ORTELIAS 15 (F.) R Hannon 9-0 W J D'Comor 6
4 446- SURPRISE EVENT 18 W G M Turner 9-0 D Sweeney (3) 2
5 4000 DAYLIGHT DREAMS 16 (G) C Cyzer 8-11 M Roberts 4
6 4230 LOVE VENTURE 25 S Woods 8-11 R Finench (3) 3
7 4526 MATORICA 9 (BF) V Soone 8-11 C Rufler 7
4 Microbia 5-21 crea Venture 4-1 Ottobros 7-1 Desirect Descript 3-4-1 Heart Set 7-4 Matogita, 5-2 Love Venture, 4-1 Ortebos, 7-1 Daylight Dreams, 14-1 Heart Full Of Scot, Kalit, 20-1 Supplies Event.

# 5.25 HAMMINISTONS OF BRIGHTON MAIDEN

STAKES (£3,423: 1m 1i 209yd) (5) 6-5 Easy Song, 5-4 Tough Act, 9-2 Berkwin Hands, 16-1 Craft Sands, Silves Marti

Newcastle anticipate stern examination from talented Kiev forward

# Shevchenko strikes note of caution

FROM DAVID MADDOCK

IN THE middle of Kiev's heavily industrialised centre is Shevchenko Park. a small. green oasis of relatively unpol-luted calm that it is lovingly tended in honour of the man whose name it bears. Taras Shevchenko was a

man of letters, his poetry and artistry captivating the country. Like so many of the former Soviet nations, Ukraine now expresses its nationalism through a fervent support of its football team. In this case, for national team read Dynamo Kiev, and for national hero read . . . Shevchenko. Like his namesake, Andrei

Shevchenko is, in his own way, an artist. Newcastle Uniwho face Kiev in their second European Cup Champions' League match tonight. have been warned.

Kenny Dalglish, the Newcastle manager, had every right to be pleased after their impressive defeat of Barcelona

#### GROUP C

a fortnight ago. Elsewhere, though, Kiev were making a rather more ominous statement. In Eindhoven on the same evening they destroyed PSV, the Dutch champions. The man behind a 3-1 victory was Shevchenko, who scored the third goal. It was a classical display of the centre forward's arts: skill, touch, strength and instinct.

Shevchenko was 21 on Sunday. No wonder AC Milan have offered more than £10 million for him. Bryan Hamilton said of the forward, who, playing for Ukraine, toyed with his Northern Ireland side: "He reminds me of a young Alan Shearer. He has everything. I just wish I could

have put him in my bag and brought him home with me." The fact that Shevchenko will not be going to Milan, this season at least, emphasises the task that awaits Newcastle. Kiev believe that they

BY RUSSELL KEMPSON

WEST Ham United will look

back on September with

mixed emotions. Successive

defeats against Manchester

United, Newcastle United and

Arsenal saw them slip from-

third to tenth place in the FA

Carling Premiership, but they

halted the slide by bearing

Liverpool 2-1 on Saturday,

rising back to seventh pos-

ition. They then easily defeated Huddersfield Town 3-0 (3-1

on aggregate) in the Coca-Cola

Cup second round, second leg

at Upton Park on Monday

It has been a strange month

too, for Rio Ferdinand, West

Ham's stylish young central defender. He was included in



Shevchenko, left, who has made his mark for Dynamo Kiev and Ukraine, shows his determination during a World Cup qualifying tie against Albania

can win the European Cup. They provide ten members of the national side - a team likely to qualify for the World Cup finals from Northern Ireland's difficult group - and though PSV are considered almost as strong as the Ajax side of the mid-1990s, they were arrogantly dismissed. "We are a team, an

organised team and a very

Moldova in a World Cup

qualifying match, and was

debut, but was then excluded

by Glenn Hoddle, the coach.

after he was charged with drink-driving and found guilty. Although Hoddle

allowed him to continue train-

ing, his international intro-

On Monday, a few hours

before he played against Hud-dersfield, Ferdinand learnt

that he had been dropped

from the England squad to

take on Italy in the deciding

qualifying group two match in

Rome on October II. Instead,

he is likely to play for the

England Under-21 side

against Italy in a low-key

duction was put on hold.

widely expected to make his

good team," Shevchenko said this week. "Newcastle must fear us because we want to bring pride and joy to the people of Ukraine." Dalglish knows what he is up against. "It will be a difficult game," he

Quite why English clubs believe that they can perform well when flying halfway across Europe barely 24 hours

the England squad to play European championship against Huddersfield, not that

qualifying match in nearby

be left out, I half expected it."

Ferdinand, 18, said, "I only

really got in the senior squad

last time because of a lot of

injuries and I suppose it's all

part of the learning process. I

don't think this is an extension

of my punishment, or any-

"It's one of those things, I've just got to work a bit harder

now. I'm still young and there's plenty of time left for

me to do the things I want to.

I'm back in the under-21 squad

and that's fine. I don't have a

Ferdinand produced on the stroke of hal another exemplary display in the 77th minute.

thing like that.

problem with that."

"It wasn't really a shock to

Rieti the night before.

before such a significant game is a puzzle. The party will return to Newcastle, exhausted, in the early hours of Thursday morning, grab the briefest of sleeps and resume training for the game against Tottenham Hotspur on Saturday. Dalglish approached the FA with a request to put back that game by 24 hours, but was met

he was too extended as West

Ham dominated from start to

finish. John Hartson, the

Wales striker, was allowed 12

chances on goal and, although he took only three of them, it

was enough to earn a third-

round tie against Aston Villa

at Upton Park on October 15.

have a relatively poor cup

record against clubs from the

lower divisions, the result was

never in doubt once Hartson

had opened the scoring in the

31st minute. Huddersfield,

bottom of the Nationwide

League first division, held on

gallantly but were finished off

by additional Hartson goals

on the stroke of half-time and

Even though West Ham

unyielding stance. It led to him issuing a veiled threat.
"There is already ridiculous fixture congestion," he said.

"We will now look at our position when it comes to releasing players for internationals. If the FA can't help club sides, the clubs might not be able to help the FA. Dalglish is adament that this game will not provide the

identity of the qualifiers for the quarter-finals. He admitted, though, that even a draw would provide his side with a wonderful which to head the group. DYNAMO KSEV (probable, 3 Shoukovaley — O Golovko, O Khi

## Victory rounds off month of two halves | Return of Hendry can help Scotland's bid

COLIN HENDRY is expected to be recalled to the Scotland squad today for their final World Cup group four qualifying match, against Latvia at Celtic Park on October II.

The Blackburn Rovers central defender missed the 4-1 victory against Belarus at Pittodrie last month because he was recovering from concussion and Craig Brown, the manager, opted for Christian Dailly to partner Colin Calderwood at the back. Dailly was hugely impressive. and it may be that Calderwood will be the player to stand down. Victory will secure Scotland's place in the

second in the group, Brown will also be looking to Kevin Gallacher, Hendry's

his club, Aberdeen, are at the

foot of the Bell's Scottish

League premier division

club colleague, to help Scotland along the road to France. Gallacher scored twice against Belarus and seems certain to start. David well at youth and reserve Hopkin, the Leeds United level," Alex Miller, Strachan's midfield player, is also pushassistant, said. They're now ing for a place after coming off the substitutes' bench to score twice against Belarus. Jim Leighton is likely to be preferred to Andy Goram, of Rangers, in goal even though

DAVID PLEAT, the Sheffield Carling Premiership draw against Aston Villa at Villa-Park on Saturday. Although Wednesday had twice allowed Villa back into the game, it was a vast improvement on the 5-2 defeat by Derby County three days earlier. Pleat, against a backdrop of calls for his resignation, could afford a

Tonight, though, the pres-sure is back on. If Wednesday were to lose to Grimsby Town in their Coca-Cola Cup second-round tie at Hills-borough, the headhunters would be back. "I have to go along with all that hype," Pleat said yesterday. "It's not partic-ularly pleasant, but it's part and parcel of the game and you get used to it."

Wednesday trail 20 from the first leg and face an awkward game against the Nationwide League second division side, who have won only twice in nine league games this season.

Wednesday have several injury problems, with Patrick Blondeau, David Hirst, Peter Atherion, Kevin Pressman, Andy Booth and Graham Hyde still receiving treatment. Petter Rudi, the Norway and Molde midfield player, who was reported to have signed for the club in a £1.6 million deal, has not joined Wednes-

Graham Mackrell, the Wednesday secretary, said that negotiations were continuing but that Rudi was un-likely to join before the middle of this month. "Molde don't really want to release him before the end of the Norwegian season," he said.

Coventry City face a similarly taxing task against Blackpool, the second division side, who lead 1-0 from the first leg at Bloomfield Road. Coventry will be without the injured Paul Telfer, Darren Huckerby, John Salako and Noel Whelan.

Roland Nilsson could miss out too, unless he recovers from a knee injury, but Paul-Williams, the central defender, will return. His threematch suspension applies only to the FA Carling Premiership and not to the Coca-Cola Cup. Gordon Strachan, the Coventry manager, who has spent two days scouting in Europe this week, is likely to bring three promising youngsters into his squad: his son, Gavin, 18, Sam Shilton and Andrew Ducros. "The kids have done

ready to step up to show what they can do." Derby hold a 1-0 lead over Southend United and should progress into round three asshould Everton, who are 1-0 up on Scunthorpe United. Wimbledon, who play Mill-wall at the New Den, lead 5-1

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BRYAN ROBSON confirmed yesterday that he had offered Wimbledon £3 million for their forward, Dean Holdsworth. The Middlesbrough manager, who wants Holdsworth as a replacement for Fabrizio Ravanelli, who has joined Marseilles, said: "I have made an offer and now the ball is in Wimbledon's

"I've sold four strikers and only bought Paul Merson, so we need to increase the strike force here. I know all about Dean from his time with England B. He has a good goal-scoring record throughout his career.

Merson, who joined the Nationwide League first division club from Arsenal during the summer, has had talks over his long-distance commuting. "The situation is resolved for the time being." Robson said. "Paul will settle here, and we will help him."

Gordon Strachan, the Coventry City manager, is hoping to sign the Real Madrid midfielder, Sandro, on loan until the end of the season. Sandro, 22, has made more than 40 appearances for the Spanish ciub. He has arrived at Highfield Road for a trial period and Strachan will assess the player in a private practice match later this week.

Peter Springett, the former Sheffield Wednesday goalkeeper, has died at the age of 51 after a four-year battle against an illness which confined him to a wheelchair. Springett, the younger brother of Roo, the England

international goalkeeper, had been paralysed by two growths on his spine. He began his career at Fulham before joining Wednesday in an exchange deal which took Ron — ten years his senior to Queens Park Rangers in

He had seven seasons at Hillsborough and was then transferred to Barnsley where he stayed until his retirement in 1979. He made a total of 510 three clubs.

Aberdeen - have - put-- Elen--Kiriakov, the experienced Bulgaria international, on the transfer list. The 30-year-old midfielder has been named in the Bell's Scottish League premier division club's firstteam squad only once this

Roy Aitken, the manager, said: "Having spoken to Ilian and his agent today, we feel it would be in Aberdeen's best interests that the player is placed on the transfer list with immediate effect."

Kiriakov signed for Aberdeen from Anorthosis Famagusta just before the European Championship finals last year. He played for Bulgaria, who failed to advance beyond the first round, before moving to Scotland. Kiriakov made 27 league appearances for Aberdeen last season, scoring one goal.

# Serious business begins on the fairway

AUTUMN in New England is, so it is said, wondrous to behold, magnificent as the trees shrug out of their green summer uniforms to don hues of copper, bronze and gold. For nearly 1,500 amateur golfers. October in old England -and Wales, and Scotland, and Ireland - is taking on a spectacular tinge, too, as they prepare for one of the high points of their sporting lives. For months a goodly number of this elite band have been hoping that they have qualified for the regional final series in The Times Mees-Pierson Corporate Golf Chall-

enge, which starts today. Some, who have been there before, know what it is like to play in probably the most competitive environment they will face in their golf careers. They will tell anybody that this event makes them feel special, for the Challenge is an

the highest professional stan-dards. They have experienced the frisson of excitement that affects all who play in this remarkable tournament; they know that it brings the best out of everybody who plays in

the fact that they are coming back for more underlines the attraction of the Challenge. They will not feel the pressure any less than those who are breaking new ground with their maiden appearance in the regional final series, but at least they know what is expected of them.

important are those who will be playing in the regional finals for the first time.

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it, and having experienced it. they want it again. They are the converted, and

These people are welcome as old friends, but equally For them, a treat awaits. They will be playing on some

THE TIMES Mees Pierson GOLF CHALLENGE

have entered the competitio again this year, they will be accorded the VIP treatment they deserve.

The incentive is a magic carpet ride to the sun. The national final of the competition will be held for the fifth year at its spiritual home at the Hyatt La Manga Club in November.

Thirty-five teams have appeared in the four years the Challenge has been transported away from the dank dog days of late autumn and into the welcoming climate of southeast Spain, and there has

all of them. The exploits of the 14-team crème de la crème in Spain will be performed in front of the cameras of Sky Sports, which will screen an hour-long highlights pro-gramme a week or so after the final.

An extra treat is in store next year for the national final winners, plus the best teams from the other three home countries: they will represent their nations in the World Corporate Golf Challenge, the first of which was held in June - at La Manga, of course.

The Challenge gripped the imagination of corporate Britain from the day it was inaugurated in 1993. It was beautiful in its utter simplicity and. above all, it was a competition in which it was possible to make progress only on merit. A company entering its golf day in the Challenge can have money pouring out of its ears,

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reached in the middle of September, it's a fond goodbye, see you next year.

This year, because of the growing popularity of the competition, and to give entrants a fair chance of moving into the second stage, the number of regional finals has been increased from 12 to 14. That one statistic alone says that the vision of sporting

excellence that was in the mind of John Mitchell, the originator of the Challenge and still its event director, when the compension was launched, has been handsomely fulfilled. The Challenge is a unique

concept in the enduringly pop-ular form of corporate hospitality that is the company golf

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# Llanelli demand rule explanation before paying fine

By DAVID HANDS, RUGBY CORRESPONDENT

LLANELLI plan to appeal against the imposition of a £20,000 fine by European Rugby Cup Ltd (ERC), the organisers of the Heineken Cup. The Welsh dub is also incensed that Frederic Torossian, the Pau scrum half, whom they regard as one of the chief perpetrators of the violence that marred the clubs' meeting last month, has not been punished by ERC.

Both Pau and Llanelli have been ordered to pay £10,000 within 21 days, with the other £10,000 suspended until the end of the season, pending good behaviour. This follows the principle that ERC adopted when fining Brive and Pontypridd £30,000 each for the violence that marred their encounter in France, though the smaller sum suggests that the board did not accept the view of Roger Pickering, the ERC chief executive, that the events at Pau were

"We don't know what tournament rule has been or from what charge this fine arises," Ron

THERE appears to be little

international future for Scott

Hastings, Scotland's most-

capped player, after his omis-

sion from the senior and A

squads to prepare for interna-

tionals against Australia and

South Africa. "It was felt that

Scott had lost his form and is

struggling to regain it," Richie

Dixon, the Scotland coach,

Hastings is one of six

players from a party of 61

selected for the first two

sessions of the season who

have failed to win a place in

either squad. The others are

Cammy Glasgow, the Her-

iot's FP winger, lan Farley.

asking for answers. I am not in the business of parting with Llanelli's money when we don't know what we are paying for. It is a totally unsatisfactory situation ERC has got to operate under a conduct of law."

Llanelli have compiled a video showing five separate incidents in which Torossian, 31, was involved and which should have led, in their view, to his suspension. But Pau are said to have fined the player some £2,200 while, yesterday. the Prance selectors said that neither he nor Philippe Carbonneau, of Brive, would be selected to play in the Latin Cup next month.

This is a further indication that ERC has lost complete control of any sense of moral balance," Jones said. "Harlequins cited the Cardiff forward, Tony Rees, and he received a 90-day ban [against which Cardiff are appealing) but this Pau player gets away with much more brutal and dangerous offences that were caught on camera.

No place for Hastings in Scotland squads

> the Kelso back, Paddy Haslett, the Edinburgh Academicals hooker, and Ally McLean and Sandy Penman, both of Boroughmuir.
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said. "We have written to ERC would fight the punishment on moral grounds, rather than merely to avoid damaging their parlous financial state. The response to Llanelli's share issue, which closed yesterday, has picked up dramatically over the past fortnight and they are now likely to their target £430,000.

Carbonneau, also a scrum haif, was regarded as one of the agents provocateurs in the Brive-Pontypridd match, dur-ing which Dale McIntosh was sent off. McIntosh, the Pontypridd No 8, has been charged with bringing the game into disrepute but his disciplinary hearing has been postponed.

Pierre Labourdette, the Pau president, said that the fine represented a substantial sum to a club that "only just makes ends meet", and confirmed the view of many within the game, that future encounters will be scrutinised very carefully something that could result in tit-for-tat accusations. The question of citing players will also be reviewed, though it is a matter for debate whether this action should be left entirely to the contending clubs.

Since each match has a neutral commissioner appointed for disciplinary pur-poses, it seems sensible that part of his duty should be to review the match video and decide whether any action should be taken against players for foul play not spotted by the referee. All the players have been warned about discipline," Jo Maso, the France team manager, said. "We will be unbending in our attitude to behaviour - on or off the pitch.

Jean-Claude Skrela, the France coach, will name a 24-strong squad next Monday for the Latin Cup, and it is likely that Philippe Saint-Andre will be restored as captain if he confirms his fitness by playing for Gloucester against Beziers in the European Con-



Branson is flanked by Terry Matterson and Martin Offiah, of London Broncos, at the announcement yesterday

## Virgin soldier stands up for Broncos

R ichard Branson likes the media. In recent weeks, one has read of his venture into North American television and a renewed attempt to circle the world in his hot-air balloon. Yesterday, it was rugby league that entered his orbit: he had bought a controlling interest

in London Broncos The reason? Well, it was just like Victor Kiam and his electric razor. When Branson first watched the Broncos, he liked it so much that he bought the company. So, there we stood, behind a phalanx of television cameras, waiting for Britain's entrepreneurial saint to deliver his gospel.

"Rugby league is underde-veloped, particularly in the south," Branson said. "It's up to us to to fill all those empty seats." There was certainly nothing empty about the gathering at 11 Holland Park, his former London residence. Journalists overflowed from what was once Branson's living room into what was once his hall - and is now the throbbing Virgin press centre. Southerners should try it

Julian Muscat says Richard Branson may find a southern audience for northern soul

sometime, he insisted; it is a great day out. Only, unlike the electric razor, there is no money-back" guarantee if we don't like it. Rugby league is a northerners' game, Branson said, but the Broncos would show them how to do it.

This would have made the perfect April Fool's cameo but for the presence of Branson himself. Oh, and the 14 Broncos scrumming down on plush sofas, taking divots from deeppile carpets, side-stepping their way between antique coffee tables. Welcome to the absurd; welcome to Branson's world.

But we are missing the point of his involvement, even if the details are vague. "My son dragged me down to watch a game 18 months ago, I think. I think they played Bradford. They lost, I seem to remember. I got addicted." Addicted?

Those truly addicted to their sport can relate their first experience in intimate detail.

They are known as anoraks -

although there is not much

chance of Branson wearing

one of those. He won't even wear a tie. When the outgoing proprietor presented Branson with the chairman's tie, the incumbent didn't miss his cue. "I'll wear it if someone shows me how to tie it," he smiled. Never mind: it may come in handy as his

Edwards: on the move

airline, Branson wants to go places fast. He wants the Broncos to be "the top team in the world" within three years.

There will be no hands-on

role in team affairs: "I will dive in when I'm called for. If we look like losing a key member I'll be very happy to wine and dine them, to persuade them." As Branson spoke, Shaun Edwards, the Broncos' heartbeat, was apparently preparing to transfer his allegiance to Bradford Bulls, who have arranged a news conference, to unveil a new signing, for this morning. Nevertheless.

Branson is embarking on a personal crusade. This sport has somewhat hidden its charms. We want to make people realise what those charms are. We can convert thousands of people to enjoy the game with proper marketing.

Ah, marketing. So that's it. Branson is another who believes that there is money to be made from marketing sport. If you're a Broncos fan fond of your half-time tipple, you'd better like your Virgin Cola.

#### IN BRIEF

## Hamed set to make his debut in US

NASEEM HAMED. World Boxing Organisation (WBO) featherweight champion, could have his first bout in the United States on December 19 at Madison Square Garden, it was reported yesterday. Kevin Kelley, a former world champion, is his prospective opponent.

If Hamed wins, plans are being made for a bout with Junior Jones, the WBO superbantamweight champion, who is scheduled to face his fellow American, Kennedy Mckinney, on the same Mad ison Square Garden promo-tion. A Hamed-Jones contest might be staged at Wembley in July.

#### New balls please

Tennis: The International Tennis Federation (ITF) has said that, from January I. its rules governing the quality of balls used in tournaments worldwide will be tightened, so that only balls gaining approval on their official list will be used. Tournament officials were previously able to choose their own balls, but this new move comes after players at the Australian Open complained of arm injuries. However, subsequent tests carried out in the ITF laboratories found "no evidence" that the balls breached existing regulations.

#### Victory for 49ers

American football: San Francisco 49ers claimed their fourth successive victory on Monday when they beat their National Football Conference western division rivals, Carolina Panthers, 34-21, at the Panthers' Ericsson Stadium, in Chariotte. The 49ers forced four turnovers, including three interceptions, and in-creased their lead at the top of the division.

#### Prost recruit

Dudot, Renault's technical director, will join Alain Prost's Grand Prix team next season when the French car manufacturer pulls out of Formula One racing.

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Umpres Salim Bader and Men Aslam.

FOOTBALL LIEFA CUP: First round, second leg: Anorthosis Famagusta (Cyp) 1 Karlsruhe (Ger.) 1 (Karlsruhe wm 3-2 on agg); Hajduk Spia (Cro.) 2 Schalle (Ger.) 3 (Schalle sem 5-2 on agg); Hajduk Spia (Cro.) 2 Schalle (Ger.) 3 (Schalle sem 5-2 on agg); Alama (Vadikarkaz (Fusa) 1 MFK Budapes; (Hum) 1 (MTK won 4-1 on agg); Dynamo Tobis (Geo.) 1 MFKC Mozy (Bela); O (Dynamo Tobis (Geo.) 1 MFKC Mozy (Bela); O (Dynamo Tobis (Geo.) 1 MFKC Mozy (Bela); O (Dynamo Van 2-1 on agg); Spartak, won 3-2 on agg), 1860 Marrich van 7-1 on agg; Lidness (II) 3 Wictow Lodz (Pol.) 0 (Lidness am 3-1 on agg).

Monday's late results
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Monday's late results

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LONGLEAT: South West of England champloneships. Men (11.5 mt): 1, C. Hallett (Shield) 84 mt 5 best 2, N. Keele (Devon) 84 47; 3; S. Killett (Shield) 97 52; Women (8 1 lmt): 1, A. H. Wooden (Devon) 80 55; 3, R. Cater, (Devon) 97 148; S. Hallet Army Champlon-ships: Men (10.2 mt/500 mt cirrls)\* 1, Mej C. Dickson (SASCA) prug) 67 21; 2, Mej C. Bromley-Gardiner (HoCMG/Androver) 73 21; 3, WO2 N. Beleiner (SRAC Bossia) 77 25; Women (6.7 mt/90 mt/mt/91; 1, Off. Cades S. Guyer (London Univ. 070, 70-94; 2, Mej S. Waltern-Bossies (AGC) 77:18.

EDINBURGH: Scotten short-course champlonships: Men (2.5 mt); 1, T. Anderson (See, Hariot West Univ.) 23:16; 2, A. McLeod (Edinburgh S. South-London) 30:30; 3, C. Godfree (Edinburgh Univ.) 30:45. Women (2.9 mt); 1, H. Harrisen (Edinburgh Interlopers) 27:30; 2, S. Pattinson (Men) 27:40; 3, J. Actional (Interlopers) 28:07.

RUGBY UNION

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Wyles College 12 Harrogale G 5 27;
Cockernouth School 42; Whisthewan
School 27; Winstaries Swit Form College 24 Botton School 15; Ornshirk G S 7 Wine
G S 53; Barkanhasad School 70 St Ambrosa
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Adems G S 52; Highlandis Flost round:
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Cleveland College 25; Thomas Magnus
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TODAY'S FIXTURES

POOTBALL Kick-off 7.30 unless stated European Cup Champions' League Group A Group B Feyendord v FC Kosice (7.45) .... Man Utd v Juventus (7.46) ..... Group C Sercelona v PSV Eindhoven (7 45) Driamo Kiev v Newcastla (7 45) .... Graup D FC Porto v Real Madrid (7.45)
Rosenburg v Olympiakos (7.45)

Group E Besildes v Paris Seint-Germein (7.45) ... IPK Gothenburg v Beyern Munich (7.45) Group F AS Monaco v Beyer Leverkusen (7.45) Lierse SK v Sporting Lisbon (7.45) ..... Cocs-Cols Cup Second round, second leg

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Coventry (0) v Biasippool (1) (7.45)
Derby (1) v Southend (0) (7.45)
Evertion (1) v Scuthiorpe (0) (8.0)
Millwell (1) v Wanbledon (5) (7.45)
Shelf Wed (0) v Gnineby (2) (7.45) ISTHIMIAN LEAGUE First division: Molecoy v Berkhamsted, Second division: Cheeficat v Berking Chestart v Barlang
UNIBOND CHALLENGE CUP: First
round: Bamber Bridge v Gretne; BraclordPic Am v Lincoln United; Whithy v
Harrogsele Town
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(2.0): Ipsatch: v Oxford: United: (7.0).
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PONTIN'S LEAGUE: Premise division: Diminigham v Leads (7.15). Prestor v Asion Ville (7.0). First division: Oldhen) v Notis County (7.0); Fort vide v Leaceaste (7.70); Sunderland v Huddensleid (st. Ourteint City FC, 7.0). Second division:

Barnsley v Bractiond (7 b); Carliele v Rochdale (7.0); Wresham v Lincohn (7.0); York v Stockport (7.0). Third divisions: Chester v Chesteriald (7.0), Scarborough v Walsell (7.0); Wigan v Doncester (7.0); COMPLETE MUSIC HELLENG LEAGUE. Premier division: Endsleigh v Highworth.
ARNOTT INSURANCE NORTH LEAGUE.
First division: Billingham v Conseller
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FA CUP: Second qualifying round replayer Bishop Auckland v Chickey: Farsley
Celific v Guiseloy.

FA YOUTH CUP: First qualifying round
replayer. East Thurrook v Urbridge. Secand qualifying round: Bistori v Kiddermineter H; Hinckley United v Grasely Pars.

Great Welcaring v Harlow; Wembley v
Horncharch; Bestiond 7 v Romboud, Highlin
v Chelmolott; Graye v Stevenage Borought; Fisher Ah v Mensiran; Maidemineed
v Tooting and Micharin.

LINDER-16. INTERNATIONAL. Ireland v UNDER-16 INTERNATIONAL: Ireland v France (as Frank Cooks Park, 3.0). RUGBY UNION

Representative match urrey v Sussex (zi imber Court, 7.30) .... ... OTHER SPORT PEEDWAY: Ameteur League: Long Ex-in and Wolverhampton v Sunton (7.45). Ditvon College 27 Boter College 11.
London and South Brist Preliminary round: Stanground College 0 Wisbech G S 51: St Bernaticia School 67 Saftron Walden H S D: Tinng School 60 31 (prettils School 16; St Georges Sch. Happenden 7 Simon Balle School 17; Fariborough 8 Floriminal College 27; Kent College 72 Chatham G S D: Oslerood Park G S 3 Revenserood School 45; Thomas Mills H S 0 County Upper School 53; Greensward School 55 St Peters H S 27; Devenant Found School 12; Instrument Upper School 67; Brodsourne School 7 Lehrmer Upper School 55; St Edmunds College, Ware 25 King John School 35; St Georges College 9 Wilferloge 15 Gottalming College 3; Tillin School 77 Brighton Vif C S. Park College 5 Chichester H S St. Wallington G S 5 Strotes College 14; Guildford County 0 Cyn A DT 82; Chatham House G S 21 Dertford G S 34 First round: Whilight School 55 Either College 0, Elham College 12; Lebo CTC 10.

SAILING

WHITEREAD ROUND THE WORLD RACE: First leg (Southernston to Cape Townt: Leading positions (with distance (Not) 5,388.9miles; 2. Mart: Cap (Monaco) 5,484.1; 3. EF Language (Swe) 5,414.4; 4, Cheesie Resing (US) 5,437.9, 5, Sie Ca (GS) 5,456.2; 6, Toshiba (US) 5,504.8

BISLEY: Autumn match; rifle, meeting: Stamford Young Trophy (Grand Aggregate): 1. J McAlaster 447-55ps; 2. J Bridger 444-59; 3. R Greenwood 443-58. Actance & Brown Selver (any rifle): 1. Recember 443-59; 2. G Snapland 437-52; 3. M Baille-Hamilton 495-90; 2. G Snapland 437-52; 3. M Baille-Hamilton 495-90; 2. Bridger 223-31/23; 3. J Caminched 222-32. The Injuh Cup: 1, McAllister 223-33/25-4; 2. Bridger 221-28; 3. A Honderson 220-29; 1, 290 yarda aggregate: 1, McAllister 148; 2. Bridger 146; 3. Baille-Hamilton 145.

SNOOKER MOTHERWELL: Flagal Maintere: First round: A MoMerane (Spot) bt M Williams (Wales) 5-4

SPEEDWAY PREMIER LEAGUE: Isle of Wight 58 Hull 32; Isle of Wight 51 Newcastle 39. BLITE LEAGUE: Poole 48 (posich 42: WOLVERHAMPTON: Luctoroke Olym-pique: 1, M. Karlsson (Volverhampton) 12-bis (alter run-ett); 2, 8 Ermolenko (Belle Vue) 12; 3, J B.Jensen (Wolverhampton) 11.

TENNIS

PALERMO: Mort's tournament: First round: A Portas (Sp) bt M Crace (Gor) 5-7, 6-4, 6-3; C Pud-14 (Slove) bids bt J A Marin (Sp) 6-4, 6-3; C Ruel (Hot) bt E Awwes (Sp) 7-8, 7-5, C Costs (Sp) bt J A Visices (Sp) 6-4, 6-4; F Messon (ii) bt A Visines (Rom) 6-4, 6-3; A Berassingui (Sp) v Visiente (Sp) 6-4, 5-7, 6-4; A Berassingui (Sp) v Visiente (Sp) 6-4, 5-7, 6-4; A Berassingui (Sp) v Visiente (Sp) 6-4, 5-7, 6-4; A Berassingui (Sp) v Visiente (Sp) 6-4, 5-7, 6-4; A Berassingui (Sp) v Visiente (Sp) 6-4, 5-7, 6-4; A Berassingui (Sp) v Visiente (Sp) 6-4, 5-7, 6-4; A Berassingui (Sp) bt F Visiente (Sp) 7-8, 1-6, 7-8, D Reid (Ca) bt D Mession (US) 6-1, 7-8, D Reid (Ca) bt D Mession (US) 6-1, 7-8, B Black (Zim) bt M Damm (Ca) 6-4, 6-4, K Carlson (Den) bt M Woodforde (Jus) 6-4, 7-8, J Seni, (US) bt G Stafford (SA) 7-5, 6-3; L Peas (India) bt A Reichtel (US) 6-4, 3-6, 6-3; C Wilhimson (GB) bt P McErnon (US) 4-5, 6-3; C Wilhimson (GB) bt P McErnon (US) 4-5, 6-3; C Wilhimson (SB) bt P McErnon (US) 4-5, 6-3; C Wilhimson (SB) bt P McErnon (US) 4-5, 6-3; C Wilhimson (SB) bt P McErnon (US) 4-5, 6-3; C Wilhimson (SB) bt P McErnon (US) 4-5, 6-3; C Wilhimson (SB) bt P McErnon (US) 4-5, 6-3; C Wilhimson (B) bt J McErnon (SB) bt P McErnon (US) 4-5, 6-3; C Wilhimson (B) bt J Woment (B) bt Martin (SA) bt I McCon all 6-4, 6-4; L Labraro bt E Le Gescond (Fr) 6-2, 6-2; L Nit bt M Martin (SA) bt I McCon all 6-4, 6-4; L Labraro bt E Le Gescond (Fr) 6-2, 6-3; E Dythurg (Den) bt Reammuscen (Den) 6-2, 6-3; E Dythurg (Den) bt I Woodforde 3-6, 7-5, 6-4.

SHEEHAN on BRIDGE

By Robert Sheehan, bridge correspondent

In the first match of this year's BBL Premier League, two hands came up which involved an ending known as a 'trump squeeze'.

This is one of them: Dealer West Love all 4KJ754 ¥84 +AJ10 4A 104 +Q862 +A83 E ¥83 ₹72 **4K532** +97 4K98732 4036 **± 10 VAKQJ1095** +Q864

Contract: Six Hearts by South. Lead: queen of clubs

Six Hearts is against the odds - it needs the king of dia-monds to be onside, and in addition an extra trick from somewhere.

What is the best line? I think you should win the ace of clubs, play a trump to the ace and play a spade. If West has the ace he may well play low at such an early stage in the hand, so when he does it is best to put on the king. If it wins you can afford to lose to the king of diamonds. Here East wins the ace, and say he plays a club. Declarer ruffs, draws trumps, takes a diamond finesse and ruffs a

spade. Then he runs all of his trump bar one to this ending: +AJ +Q9 +3 W E +K53 \* B 8 ₹5 +Q84

West has still to discard. If he throws a spade declarer uses one diamond entry to ruff out the spades and the second diamond to cash the established snade; if West throws a diamond declarer takes both dummy's diamond winners and re-enters hand with his last trump to cash the estab-

lished queen of diamonds. Note that declarer has to gauge that this is the position. If in fact West's last five cards were say a spade, two dia-monds and two clubs, declarer's only winning play after a spade discard by West would be to play for the diamonds to be 3-3. That is a feature of trump squeezes (and the related criss-cross squeeze) - declarer always has to read the position at the end. Many other types of squeeze operate

automatically. ☐ The Times Book of Bridge I. a compendium of some of these columns, is now available in all good bookshops or direct from the publisher, B. T. Batsford, on 01376 321276, price £6,99 (plus £1

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OBBLIGATO

VERDELHO a. A peal of bells b. Dryish Madeira c. A grass substitue for lawns

KYLCHAP a. Locomotive exhaust system b. West Coast Scottish fisherman c. An Icelandic saga

WORD-WATCHING By Philip Howard

> a. Standing orders b. A gratuity A musical direction FLAPERON A young female voter

b. An aircraft control

c. A state of anxiety

KEENE on CHESS

By RAYMOND KEENE CHESS CORRESPONDENT

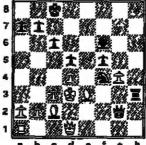
Knight moves For inexperienced players the

leap of the knight is the hardest move to grasp in chess. In a way accessible to no other piece the knight can appear, as if from nowhere, to deliver snap checkmates. Today's games show two examples of this from a recent tournament in London White: T Woodward

Black: A Baron Kensington, 1997 Modern Defence

Nbd2 d5 Ret Qd7 Nc7 Ng3 17 hvg4 16 exf8 19 Nxe6 hxg4 Bxf6 Qh7 Rde8 Qh1+ 23 Kd3 24 Rxe6 Rh3+

Diagram of final position



abedefgh White: D Barcham

4 Nc3 5 Bb5 Ba4 Bb3 NI3 10 d5 Nxb3 Noa1 Ocs 12 dxc7

French Defence

Black: R Miles

Kensington, 1997

Diagram of final position · INAMOS E



Kasparov leads

In the important tournament in Tilburg, world champion Garry Kasparov has moved into the sole lead after three rounds. Top scores at the close of the third round are Kasparov three points, Vladimir Kramnik, of Russia, 22. Britain's representative grandmaster Malcolm Adams, the co-British champion. has two points.

Times book

The Times Winning Moves 2 contains 240 chess puzzles from international grandmaster Raymond Keene's daily column in The Times, and is available now from bookshops or from B. T. Batsford Ltd (tel: 01376 321276 at £6,99 plus postage and packing).

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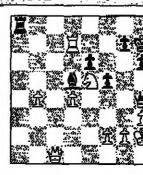
WINNING MOVE

By Raymond Keene

White to play. This position is from the game Spraggett - Galego, Portugal 1997.

Oucen and knight are a powerful attacking force, as the actions of the two pieces complement each other perfectly. This position is a model demonstration. How did White co-ordinate his forces to

decisive effect? Solution on page 46



#### SAILING: GOSS UNVEILS TRANSATLANTIC VOYAGE WITH FRENCHMAN HE RESCUED

# United by language of the sea

MICHAEL CALVIN



on a partnership forged in adversity

IT WAS the New Year's Eve from hell. A Southern Ocean storm raged outside and Pete Goss had a new acquaintance he could not afford to forget. He spoonfed Raphael Dinelli, pounded life back into his hypothermic limbs and listened intently to the soulsearching of a man he had saved from certain death.

Goss was hollow-eyed with exhaustion. heavy-headed through mental fatigue, but he followed the conventions of the occasion and indulged in ritual optimism. He delved into the chaos of his cabin, retrieved a bottle of champagne. an incongruous piece of flotsam from the rescue operation, and toasted the future.

The mutual promise they made at that moment was fulfilled in Plymouth yesterday, when he and Dinelli launched their partnership on the yacht, BMW Performance, one of 21 entries in the Transat Jacques Vabre, a 5,000-mile race from Le Havre to the Colombian port of Cartagena. In many ways, it represented a

"We began to get our lives back that night." Goss said, looking back to the last hours of 1996. "We were both in a bit of a state. I was stressed out and he was a mess.

"It was spooky, really. We were thrown together, in the strangest circumstances you can imagine, and each felt instinctively we had to do something else together.

"I didn't know who or what I was picking up when I took him on board. I'd only shaken him by the hand once before, and wished him good luck. It was uncanny. We were kin-



Goss, right, and Dinelli toast their forthcoming challenge in the Transat Jacques Vabre at Plymouth yesterday

we're really still strangers. It is time really to get to know each

Fate, and faith in human nature, compelled Goss to turn back 160 miles, into huge seas and storm-force winds, to find Dinelli on Boxing Day

Without such a selfless act, the Frenchman would have been the first of two victims of the Vendée Globe, the solo round-the-world race. The body of Gerry Roufs, whose vacht was assumed to have struck an iceberg, has never been found.

To Dinelli, the Vendée represents unfinished business. Over the past nine months he has redefined his approach to life, exprcised the demons that taunted him as he stood, waist-deep in water on the deck of his sinking boat, waiting to be saved. Goss was his best man when he married his long-term girl-friend, Virginie, but their hero and showered with awards. More than 150,000 rected his return to the French port of Les Sables

The Briton was acclaimed a

Dinelli was expected to be a passive partner in the process of public recognition. Their relationship has an irresistible emotional intensity, reflected

situation, but we're both determined that this does not turn into a circus," he explained.

The rescue was a lifetime ago. We've faced the ultimate option, fight and live or submit and die, but we've both moved on. Raphael learnt a lot in the Southern Ocean. "He's a good man who

#### We were kindred spirits. We have become like brothers since then'

by the interest aroused by the announcement yesterday, but it requires real depth to endure in isolation.

"I don't think Raphael owes me anything at all," Goss said, with a hint of indignation. "I was just lucky to be in the right place at the right time for

"I can understand why the story touches people, because will react to a life-or-death racers in France are cultural

Suddenly, out there, he understood what he had to lose. But the experience also hardened his will, to go out and do what

Dinelli has taken over the route planning for the transat-lantic race, which begins on October II. and promises to reconfirm Goss as the favourite adopted son of the French dred spirits. We've become friendship is inherently everyone wonders how they sailing community. Ocean to suck energy from the ocean.

lighter conditions. "It only looks

lighter ahead of us for the next 12

hours," he said, "so we expect to see

some possible loss in the near future to the boats behind. We have chosen a

conservative route now, protecting the

shift by being to leeward [west] of the

The battle between Silk Cut and

Chessie Racing, skippered by Mark

Fischer, continues to see-saw with the

American boat yesterday converting a

12-mile deficit into a 22-mile lead over

the British entry to take fourth place.

Chris Dickson, on Toshiba, remains

in sixth place, about 105 miles behind

the leading boat.

thought processes. "His Eng-lish is improving and I still don't speak any French, but we don't need words to communicate." Goss said. "The language of the sea is a universal language. "We've got so much in

common, such a great founda-tion for a friendship. For both of us, this year has been about survival. I can't wait to get back to sea, to get away from the mobile and the money worries. I love it out there. Life is more simple, more focused more honest. I feel very tired and drained at the moment.

touchstones, symbols of flair

Goss, by remaining true to

himself despite chronic cash-flow problems, fulfils the romantic criteria of self-

It helps, too, that his affinity with Dinelli is so visible. They

are acquiring the same man-

nerisms and share the same

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but I know I will be able just

# Roos caught on the hop

Animal People BBC1, 7.00pm

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Ross, roads and the people who look after them both are the subject of this latest look at the relationship between single animal species and human beings. For a beast that can leap 40ft in a single bound and travel at more than 40mph, the kangaroo should easily avoid a car, yet 20,000 collisions are reported every year in Australia. Dennis Ford, a man of highly colourful speech, has the nasty job of dragging no carcasses off the road, while a meaty trucker reports that roo squelching is a bit of a sport among his peers. On the other side of the road, Helen and David Dawson run a sanctuary for orphans and injured roos where they sanctuary for orphans and injured roos where they nurse, the survivors on tithits of garlic bread and love until they can be resurred to the bush.

#### BBC1, 8.00pm

For fans of motorised two wheeled locomotion, this week's crime prevention show should be of immense interest. Because, as everyone who owns a bike knows, they get stolen. In fact your motorbike is four times more likely to disappear than any car. In this public relations exercise we are told exactly what the police are trying to do to stop it. Most stolen bikes are broken up and rebuilt into new bikes or sold as new. A visit to Brands blenth finds that the practice has instituted ever into new bakes or sold as new. A visit to Brands Hatch finds that the practice has infiltrated even the motorcycling sport fraternity. In order to curtail this practice the Met have found a chemical solution that can help to reveal a part's history. The programme ends with a look at how the Association of British insurers is taking a somewhat controversial stance by using a decoy motorbike and secretly filming the thieves as they demolish security devices within seconds.

#### BBC2. 9.00pm

If anyone who saw last Sunday's Roots of Evil doubts the programme's premise that it is ordinary people that commit atrocities, let them watch this people that commit arrotants, he them which this programme. This week's subject is Poland and how the Nazis "Germanised" it with varying degrees of unspeakable brutality. Laurence Rees proves that the old "acting under orders" alibi is a

Richard Attenborough: My Life in Film Radio 2, 10.00pm

The start of a four-part biography which appears to have decided from the outset that Lord Attenborough should be treated as a public figure and not in any way as a private one. This is somewhat of a shame, for Attenborough is a multimillionaire who is also a socialist and although those two labels are no longer regarded as to hear what it is that moves Attenborough beyond the bounds of theatre and film. Still, the series is in all other respects comprehensive and Atten-borough does say, in part one toolght, that he developed an early passion for directing films because be wanted an outlet for his beliefs. A host of stars, as they say, contribute to the series.

7.00em Mark Raddiffe 9.00 Simon Mayo 12.00 Jo Whiley 2.00pm Ntdy Campbell 4.00 Mark Goodler 6.15 Newsbest 6.30 Evening Session 8.20 Trade Update 8.40 John Peril 10.30 Mary Anne Hobbs 1.00em Clive Warrert 4.00 Chris Moylos

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#### RADIO 5 LIVE

6.00em The Breakfast Programme 9.00 The Magazine 12.00 Midday 2.00pm Ruscos on Tive 4.00 Nationwide 7.00 News Edma 7.20 Footbell Night 10.00 Littlejohn 11.00 News Edma 12.00 Atter Hours 2.00em Up All Night 5.00 Morring Reports

#### VIRGIN RADIO

5.00em Nick Abbot 7.00em Russ and Jono's Breakfast Experience 19.00 Graham Dane 1.00pm Jensmy Clark 4.00 (PM) Robin Banks (AM) Nicky Home 7.00 (PM) Paul Coyte (AM) Calmin Jones 10.00 Mark Formet 2.00em Richard Porter

A kangaroo road hazard (BBCl, 7,00pm)

lie because of Hitler's haphazard method of government. He delegated power, allowing competing demagogues to rule their provinces as they wished, interpreting his policies as they saw fit. But moral questions outweigh the historical here. This is strikingly illustrated in the testinomies of the ordinary people, most of whom sigh and say what could we do?" One, when asked about selling food at inflated prices to the Jews dying in the Lodz ghetto, shrugs his shoulders as if to say, "well, that's business". It makes one think what one's own behaviour would be.

#### The Rugby Club BBC2, 9.50pm

They do not come much mightier than Bath's rugby players, big beely chans with jockstraps to match. But the mighty are destined for a fall. Winners of 13 out of 16 trophies in the past decade. Winners of 13 out of 16 trophies in the past decade, the club became Bath pic when it turned professional last year. In came the image consultants and marketing men, out went the old family team spirit. Bankrolled by the greetings card tycoon Andrew Brownsword, the players began by signing to management agencies and doing menswear deals. In the first of a series charting the fortunes of the club during its first taste of professionalism, hopes run high but the team loses as many games as it did in the whole of last season. The Rugby Club promises to do for the game what The House did for opera Frances Lass

#### RADIO CHOICE

Icehergs and Swamps

Radio 4, 8.45pm

A new series of 15-minute programmes featuring scientists being anything but boring and impene-trable. The idea is to have present day scientists extol the virtues of their heroes from earlier generations. One effect of this approach is to show that the scientists of yesteryear were swash-bucking types who risked life and limb in hostile places, as was the case with Alfred Russel Wallace places, as was the case with Alfred Russel Wallace during the 1850s. He is a hero to tonight's presenter, Dr Sandy Knapp of the Natural History Museum, though she is herself something of a risk-taker, plucking specimens off rocky ledges in far-flung places. A mere bagatelle (she claims) in comparison to Wallace, who survived fever and comparison to Wallace, who survived fever and shipwreck in the cause of science. Peter Barnard

6.00am Newsday 6.30 Europe Today 7,00 News 7,15 World Today 7,30 Sports International 8.00 News 8.15 Off the Shaft: The Portrait of a Lady 8.30 Meridian Live 9.00 News; News in Garman (648 only) 9.10 Pause for Thought 9.15-Opera of the Week 10.00 News 10.05 Business 10.15 Ferning World 10.30 Science 10.15 Sports International 1.30 News; News in German (648 only) 1.36 Business 1.15 British Today 1.30 Newsquide 2.00 Newshour 3.00 News 2.05 Octiook 3.30 Megamix 4.00 News 4.05 Sport 4.15 Parformance 4.30 Everywoman; News in German (648 only) 5.00 Europe Today 6.30 News 6.15 World Today 6.30 News 6.15 World Today 6.30 Ferning 648 only 6.30 Form Our Own Corresponderit; News in German (648 only) 6.30 Form Our Own Corresponderit; News in German (648 6.30 From Our Own Corresponderit; News in German (648 only) 6.46 Sport 7.00 Newsdask 7.30 The Works 8.00 News 8.01 Outlook 8.25 Pause for Thought 8.30 Multimak X-Press 9.00 Newshour 10.00 News 10.05 Business 10.15 British Today 10.30 On Screen 11.00 Newsdesk 11.30 World Today 11.45 Sport 12.00 News 12.05em Outlook 12.30 Multimack X 11.45 Sport 12.00 News 12.05eah Outook 12.30 Mutmack X-Prese 1.00 Newsdesk 1.30 From Our Own Correspondent 1.45 Bitain Todey 2.00 Newsdesk 2.30 Ormibus 3.00 Newsday 3.30 Merklan Books 4.00 News 4.95 Business 4.15 Sport 4.30 Europe Today 5.00 Newsdesk 5.30 Europe Today

6.00em Alen Menn 9.00 Henry Kelly 1.00pm Listener Request Hour 2.00 Conceito 3.00 Jamie Crick 7.00 Newsright 7.30 Sonata 8.00 Evening Concert. Includes Menn Menals (Suite in C); John Shapperd (Western Wind Mess) 10.00 Michael Mappin 2.00em Concerto († 3.00 Merk Griffiths

6.00am On Air, with Andrew McGregor, Includes
Mazert (Plana Concerto No 24 in C minor);
Mendelssohn (Four Places for string quartet, Op
81, selection)
9.00 Morning Collection, with Penny Gore.

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Beismortler (Concento in D); Grieg (Lyric Pieces);
Beethoven (String Quartet in F minor)
10.00 Musical Encounters, with Mark Rowlinson.
Includes Stanford (Te Deum in B Hat); Borodin (Overture Prince Igor); Shostakovich (Plano Concerto No 2); Wesley (Ascribe Unto the Lord); McCabe (Concerto for Orchestra); Gorecki (Totus

Tuus)
12.00 Composers of the Weelt: Schoemberg, Barg and Webern (Sounding the Century)
1.00pm Lunchtime Concert. Live from the Wigmore Hall, London. Madeleine Mitchell, violin, Andrew Ball, piano. Fauré (Violin Sonata No 1 in A); Rawel (Violin Sonata in G)
2.00 Mildweek Choice, with Susan Sharpe. Telephone 0171-765 4308 with your requests
4.00 Choral Evensong. Live from York Minster

5.00 In Tune, with Sean Rafferty, Nicolette Moinar chooses one piece from her production of Mozart's Cost fan Tutte which opens tonight at the

Mozart's Cast as 1 little which opens tonight at the English National Opera Performance on 3. Live from the Festival Hall in London. The BBC Symphony Orchestra under Andrew Davis. With Michelle De Young, soprano. Webern (Passacaglia); Schoenberg (Four Songs; Five Orchestral Piscas) 8.15 Picture Postacos; National Piscas Piscas Picture Postacos;

Five Orchestral Pisces) 8.15 Picture Postcards,
Hanging Gardens and God, with Graham Fewcatt
8.25 Concert part two. Schoenberg (Variations for
Orchestra); Berg (Attenberg Lieder; Three Pisces)
9.45 Postscript, with Alex Gartsard (3/5)
10.00 Ensemble. Penny Gore introduces a recital by the
planist John Bingham. Besthoven (Fentasy in G
minor; Pisco Soreta in Farterp); Chopin
(Nocturne in D lat; Balade No 4 in F minor)
10.45 Might Waves. Humphray Carpenter discusses
the life and work of the author A.E. Housman
11.30 Composer of the Weet: Pizatti (f)
12.30mm Jazz Notes, with Digby Fairwastrer
1.00 Through the Night, with Donald Mackadod

5.55am (LW) Shipping 5.00 News 6.10 Ferming 6.25
Prayer for the Day 6.30 Today 8.45 How to Beat
Sir Humphrey (3/3) 8.58 Weather.
9.00 News 9.05 Michweek, with the Times columned.
Libby Purves and her guest Terence Stamp
10.00 (LW) Daily Service
10.00 (Tall) News; The Windy Sea. Tim Whewell
continues his exploration of the Caspien Sea
10.15 (LW) On This Day, with Geoffrey Wheeler
10.30 Women's Hour. Introduced by Jerral Murrey
11.30 Gerdeners' Question Time (f)
12.00 News; You and Yours, with Mark Whitbaker
12.25cm Eastern lifts (4/6) 12.55 Weather
1.00 The World at One
1.40 The Archers (f) 1.55 Shipping Forecast
2.00 News; The Peggers and the Creefers (S/3)
2.45 News; Lutters from Here and Thers. The Times
columnet Jonathen Meacles explores the Viking
listory of the city of York (4/6)
3.00 News; The Affannoon Shift, with Russell Davies
4.05 Kaleldescope. Paul Garribacchi examines a
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new biography of Stanley Kubrick

4.45 Short Story: Baid Paich, by Daviel Davies
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7.00 Newly 7.05 The Archers
7.20 Face the Pacts (3/5) (f)
7.45 North and South: Travels Along the Irish
Border. The first of a lour-part series
8.15 Gien to Gien. Seen Refferly and Cherrie
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Ireland

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8.45 Rebergs and Swamps. See Choice

9.00 Action Reaction. Sue Blackmore chairs the scientific discussion at lend-Watt University

9.20 Kateldoscope (f) 9.59 Weather

10.00 The World Toolgist, with label Hilton

10.45 Book at Bedthms: Lottering with Intent (8/10)

11.00 On Baby Street. The Iral part of Julie Balton and Jenny Eclair's five-part comedy drama

11.30 The Cheese Shop Present. Lest in series (r)

12.00 News 12.30am The Late Book: Light in August, by William Faulkner (8/12)

12.48 (LW) Shipping Forecast 1.00 As World Service

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## Cayard fails to find silver lining in clouds but is now wary, after sailing into

PAUL CAYARD has not only been sailing brilliantly in EF Language to be up with the first-leg leaders in his first Whitbread Round the World Race, but he has also found time to send back regular and vivid accounts of race tactics, as the fleet continues south between the Canary Islands and the Cape Verde Islands.

Yesterday he described how both his boat and the generally uncommunicative British entry, Silk Cut, skippered by Lawrie Smith, got "hammered" by a cloud system that the two leading boats. Innovation Kvaerner and Merit Cup, managed to avoid. "We

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WORD-WATCHING

(b) The four best-known grades of Madeira in ascending order of sweetness are made from the grapes Sercial, Verdelho, Bual and Malmsey. A vintage wine is made all in one year from one grape.

Solera is made by topping up as the wine is drawn off, all the same grape and "dated" according to the first year. Solera is not always inferior to vintage, and the process is mumbo-jumbo.

(a) A locomotive enhanst. A portmantenn eponym from KYLAIA, me Finn who invented it, and CHAPelon. It was originally meant to divide the exhaust from the cylinders into four streams, and later combined with a double chimney. The desired effect was to improve the entrainment of smokebox gases and so draw on the fire through

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after slipping to third place, nearly 30 miles behind Kwaerner, the leading boat. "The 19.31 satellite image revealed a large cluster of clouds, which was the system containing the squalls we got caught in.

disturb the normal flow of wind tremendously. Today's 04.11 picture showed no cloud clusters in our path but, later in the morning, this system developed right in front of all the

hole for Kvaerner and Merit on the 24 longitude line, while we and Silk Cut

"The formation split and created a

"Basically, during the morning, large cloud formations develop. These

have just seen what caused us to suffer ran right into a big chunk of it and two big losses today," Cayard said, after slipping to third place, nearly 30 direction from 30-320 degrees and 0-12 knots. Chessie managed to find a crack through the same chunk that hammered Silk-Cut and EF."

Cayard went on to speculate about

the next cluster. "Hopefully, they (the other boats didn't see the picture we have just seen," he said, "but it is probably naive to think they did not and, in any case, they will have to alter

course to miss it." On Kvaerner, meanwhile, Knut

#### SNOOKER

# McManus masters his nerve

By PHIL YATES

ALAN McMANUS recovered from the psychological damage of losing three consecutive frames, that had been virtually in his pocket, to beat Mark Williams 5-4 in the first round of the Regal Scottish Masters at Motherwell vesterday.

McManus, who had to ne-

(c) Strictly, in musical direction, a part essential to the effect. Italian for must. The word has recently come to be used for an extra or ad libitum part. So anybody seeing obbligato on a piece of music has to examine its structure to see whether the word means what it should gotiate a qualifying competition merely to secure a wild card for the 12-man event, will meetPeter Ebdon, who defeated him for the title 12 months ago, in the quarter-finals.

Having played solidly to lead 2-0, McManus was dealt (b) In aeronautics, the surface on the trailing edge of the wing, combining the functions of the flaps (providing extra lift for take-off and landing) and alteronds (producing up or down movement, eg his initial setback in the third

frame. He compiled a 70 break

to open the scoring, but missed a thin-cut red, and

Williams, the Grand Prix and

British Open champion, stole it on the black with an outstanding 74 clearance. Again well positioned in the fourth, McManus suffered a

thunderous "kick" which caused an otherwise routine pot on a black to go astray. Williams drew level at 2-2 with a 34 clearance and won the fifth by a single point on the McManus, who had potted the thirteenth red to leave Williams needing a snooker, only to go in-off, remained composed. "I am experienced

enough to know that you've

got to take things like that on

the chin. I told myself to keep

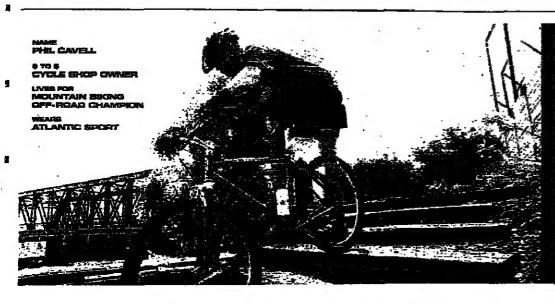
plugging away," he said.
The boost McManus need-

win the sixth frame on the pink. He then fell 4-3 behind, but still believed that Williams, surprisingly beaten by Quinten Hann, the world No 104, in the final qualifying round of the German Open on Sunday, was vulnerable.
Williams, handicapped by a persistent chest infection,

ed came with a 59 clearance to

missed a vital pink from distance in the eighth frame. McManus sank it for 4-4 and constructed a 68 break to prevail in the decider. McManus, one of Scot-land's triumphant World Cup trio in Thailand last year, said he was surprised at being

forced to qualify for the



PHIL CAVELL. RUNS A STORE ALL WEEK.

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ATLANTIC NEW AT BURTON MENSWEAP

# Back home, everything perks up instantly

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tumn slumped in front of the television — but the Fowler family, safely back in Walford again after the nightmare of last week's jaunt to Ireland. May none of them go anywhere again for an immensely

You could tell they were pleased to be back because they were getting through the coffee at an astonishing rate. Fancy a coffee?" asked Mark, who was keen to tell Sanjay all about Mary, his newly discovered cousin. Got time for a coffee?" asked Pauline, who was keen to put a disapproving stop to what Mark told Sanjay, who told Gita, who told Pat ... Praise be, EastEnders (BBC1) was more or less back to normal.

As for Mary, the Fowlers' walking, talking holiday souvenir, she was losing no time in adapting to life Walford style and had already

ome, at last. Not just me

rested, refreshed and a good-looking chap before him,

raring to crossed the and a good-looking chap before him, seemed reluctant to volunteer the information that he was already spoken for and left Mary and Sarah to sort it out for themselves. Tell you what, why don't you two go and have a coffee? " They did. Not a great success.

I say "more or less" back to normal because it could take some time for the series to recover from its disastrous outing to the Emerald Isle. I don't give a fig for the damage allegedly done to the Irish tourist trade (if they insist on subsidising Ballykissangel, they can hardly complain if they get bog stereotypes back in return). But I do care about the damage done to the series. Only a few weeks ago Kathy and Phil had taken it to such heights that some sort of dramatic hangover was inevitable. But who could have imagined one quite so painful? Still, we appear back on the

under way and after a quiet few months Carol Jackson (Lindsey Coulsen) is back on the warpath. Sonia's being bullied, Bobbie's in mortal danger and she needs police protection - but that's still no excuse to shout at Nigel.

n Holding On (BBC2). Tony Marchant, its writer, has been A able to dispense with the "got time for a coffee?" scenes. Here there are no storylines to be explained or characters to be introduced to each other. Instead, the separate stories proceed on their way, occasionally bumping into each other (subplots that pass in the night) but generally getting on with it themselves. This multilayered structure has the advantage of being just like real life, but the disadvantage of making it extremely difficult to work out whether you like it or not. I, for

REVIEW

Matthew Bond

instance, like bits of it a lot - but, confusingly, not necessarily the

same bits every week.

Marchant could argue that this is just like real life, too, but that's a dangerous game when it's not real life but television drama you are talking about. Each week he has to ensure that the reasons to watch outnumber the reasons not to balance brilliantly right, helped by

wonderful performances from David Morrissey as Shaup, the increasingly unhinged taxman. and from Emily Hamilton as Tina, his enchantingly vulnerable new

Last night, however, the pluses and minuses were more finely balanced. Of the five stories up and running, I was still interested in Shaun and Tina (even if it was comeuppance time) and in Janet and Marcus (two more terrific performances from Diane Parish and Freddie Annobil-Dodoo) as they celebrated the relaunch of Massive FM in. er, unorthodox style. But I was weary of Claire (Saira Todd) and her grief (well. other people's grief can be wearying, especially when it's made up) and a little bored by Gary Rickey (Phil Daniels), who, for reasons I have never been convinced by, is the only character allowed to address the camera directly. That made the score 2.2. It all

hung on whether I cared about Hilary (Leslie Manville), the loftliving PR woman, seducing her security guard. I didn't really, but the cheap promise of a bit of sex (the BBC trailer department is expert in such promises) just tipped the balance. Damn closerun thing, though.

ver on Channel 4, Cutting Edge Illegal Immigrants was the sort of documentary that should have left the more affluent members of the metropolitan middle classes feeling distinctly nervous. In America, highflying careers are regularly brought crashing down by revelations that a person has - quite unwittingly, of course - employed an illegal Mexican immigrant to dean or cook. This could have provided the British equivalent, designed to unnerve anyone who has ever found the perfect Polish cleaner or dream Slovak nanny.

What was delivered, however, was a disgracefully overstretched piece of work, that seemed convinced that listening to the same question being translated into Polish over and over again ("did you know you weren't allowed to work here?") and getting the same answer back ("no, I was not aware of that") constitutes good television. It does not.

In this fly-on-the-wall documentary you longed for the fly to buzz off and find something more interesting than Operation Peregrine. But, apart from touching on bogus political asylum appli-cations, O.P. was the only choice. Immigration officers duly arrested and questioned a handful of cleaners and put some of them on the midday flight to Warsaw, "You'll be just like any other passenger," explained a kindly officer, "Except everyone else has paid for their ticket and you're getting yours

#### BBC1

6.00am Business Breakfast (57517) 7.00 BBC Breakfast News (T) (82074807) 9.05 Can't Cook, Won't Cook (3142791) 9.30 Style Challenge (5970681) 9.55 Kilroy (T) (8254028)

10.35 Change That With Mark Curry in Cambridge (8681888) 11.00 News (T) Regional News and weather

11.05 Labour Party Conference '97 Diana Madili and Jon Sopel with live coverage from Brighton (33157739)

1.00pm News (T) and weather (12361) 1.30 Regional News (73940159) 1.40 The Weather Show (74583082)

1.45 Neighbours (1) (71659371) 2.10 Quincy (r) (8688517) 3.00 Through the Keyhole (8371)

3.30 Playdays (8302197) 3.50 ChuckleVision (8382333) 4.10 Get Your Own Back (6569197) 4.35 Out of Tune (8107062) 5.00 Newsround (T) (2471401) 5.10 Blue Peter (T) (9887826) 5.35 Neighbours (r) (T) (844401).

8.00 News (T) and weather (10) 5.30 Regional News (62)

7.00 Animal People Kangaross bounding across Australia's country roads are involved in nasty car accidents (T) (4492)

7.30 Tomorrow's World Philippa Forrester reports on a device which claims to protect scuba divers from sharks. Peter Snow examines a new type of gress which remains forever green - even when dead (1) (46)

8.00 Chine Beat Martyn Lewis on motorbike theft; with advice on anti-theft measures (I) (6772)

8.30 The National Lottery Live Music is provided by Jimmy Ray (1) (243159) 8.45 Points of View Anne Robinson provides an opportunity for viewers to air their opinions (T) (259710)

9.00 News (T) and weather (1449)

9.30 The X Files: Unruhe Mulder analysis series of nightmarish images on a kidnapped woman's passport photo-graphs, in the hope of discovering the cristy secrets of her abductor (T) (457474)

10.15 Chaffk Eric's world-beating skills of fact and decorum land him in a pickle when his public humiliation of an underachiever leaves him eating his words at the school parents' evening (1) (526062)

10.45 Blue Chips (1994) with Nick Note. A college basketbell coach is forced to consider the future following his team's consider the future following his tea first deleat. Directed by William Fried (30845517) WALES: 10.45 A Touch of Class (525333) 11.15 FILM: Blue Chips (365807) 1.00 FILM: Clan of the Cave

Bear (674109) 2.30 News lend weather

12.30am Clan of the Care Bear (1985) Dary

Hannah as a prehistoric woman adopted
by a tribe whose members become
jesious of her highly developed intellect,
and attempt to drive her out. Directed by

Curtis Amstrong (35482) Curtis Armstrong (35482)

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BBC2

signing) (2974474)

7.30 Smurta' Adventures (4657371) 7.55 The Really Wild Show (r) (1) (4668220) 8.20 Penny Crayon (r) (8579791) 8.25 Tales of Assop (r) (2951410) 8.25 Teletubbles (t) (9989791) 9.00 Cartoon (3886246) 9.10 What? Where? Wher? Why? (3899710) 9.25 English Express (7434159) 9.45 Words and Pictures (8992536) 10.00 Teletubbles (91642) 10.30 Numbertime (8045449) 10.45
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Scotland (8645772) 11.20 Geography
Programme (8614975) 11.40 Revista
(9829710) 11.55 Cuirze Minutes Plus (9788046) 12.10pm Isabel (5118420) 12.30 Working Lunch (13401)

1.00 Noddy (32721352) (r) 1.10 The Countyside Hour (7912159) 2.10 News (T) (77644246)

2.15 Labour Party Conference '97 (134975) 3.55 News (T) (1290474) 4.00 Ready, Steady, Cook (75) 4.30 Going, Going, Gone (8106333) 4.55 Esther: DIY (r) (8025062) 5.30 Today's the Day (9)

6.00 Star Treic The Next Generation (r) (T) 6.45 Conterence Talk (837178)

7.30 Conjuring Shakespeare King Lear. Featuring Cate Immie and Kenneth Cranham (T) (88)

8.00 University Challenge Title holders Magdalen College, Oxford, v King's College London (T) (7642) B.30 The Antiques Show Tim Wonnacott tracks down a collection of artwork capturing all the fun of the fair; vintage grun collectors surrender their arms as new laws come into practice; and David

Dickinson finds something special white searching for antique bads (T) (3449) The Nazis: A Werning from History Polish survivors of the political mechinery of wartime Germany



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12.30 O U: Seal Secrets (86395) 1.00 Seismology at Work (89685) 1.30 Seeing with Electrons (93376) 2.00 Teaching Today (89937) 4,00 Understanding Dysleda (29579) 5,00 RCN Nursing Update MRSA (48840) 5,30 Heart

## HTV

6.00mm GMTV (4397710) 9.25 Supermarket Sweep (T) (3148975) 9.55 Regional news (1) (1688230) 10.00 The Time, the Place (95468) 10.30 This Morning (1) (77920517)

12-20pm Regional News (8442517) 12.30 News (T) and weather (5894468) 12.55 Shortland Street (5879159) Followed by Crimestoppers 1.25 Home and (T) (76239246) 1.50 Remote Control Cooking (1) (71632604) 2.20 Vanessar Did You Adopt a Child and Regret It? (T)

(74855178) 2.50 The Natural Health 3.20 News (4283807) 3.25 Regional News (4282178)

3.30 Tota TV (r) (8306739) 3.40 The Parkies (9882710) 3.50 The New Adventures of Winnie the Pooh (r) (7048361) 4.20 Extreme Ghostbusters (T) (6550449) 4.45 It's a Mystery (T) (8121642) 5.10 Yan Can Cook The Best of China Pan

fried cross dumplings and hot and sour dumplings in a chill broth (3278739) 5.40 News (T) and weather (756997) 6.00 Home and Away (r) (T) (861604) 6.25 HTV Weather (770913)

6.30 HTV News (T) (30) 7.00 Coronation Street Don breaks out of Weatherfield General and Rita receives a surprise from Mavis (5420). 7,30 Champions' League - Live! Bob

Wilson introduces coverage of the match between Manchester United and Juventus from Old Trafford. With commentary by Brian Moore and Kevin Keegan Includes the Lottery result Subsequent programmes are subject to late running and alteration

10.00 News (T); Lottery result and weather 10,30 Regional News and weather (832449)



raids the cornedy archives to present a calebration of camp comedy, featuring Larry Grayson, Kenneth Williams, Kenny Everett and Frankle Howard (T) (680710) 11.40 Champions' League Highligh Rosenthal presents highlights of Newcastle's game against Dynamo Kiev (523246)

12,40em Collins and Maconie's Movie Club (6626173)

(4989918)1.35 Customs Classified (r) (1574227) 2.15 Sound Bites (3822753)

2.25 Champions' League (646192) 4.05 Pt: Lucembourg Grand Prix (r) 5.00 Coronation Street (r) (T) (42666)

5.30 Nows (63519)

#### CENTRAL

As HTV West except: 12.55pm-1.25 A Country Practice (5879159) 5,10-5.40 Shortland Street (3278739)

6.25 Central News (879623) 6,55-7.00 Debtbusters: Lifeline. The actress [725623]

12.40em Film: Child in the Night (1990) A thriller starring Tom Skerrit, JoBeth Williams and Eigah Wood. A child psychiatrist is called in when an eightyear-old is traumatised after witnessing a murder. Directed by Mike Robe (331376) 4.05 Central Jobfinder '97 (3129647)

#### WESTCOUNTRY

5.20 Asian Eye (7482734)

As HTV West except: 12.55 Home and Away (3349517) 1.20-1.50 Emmerdale (46928772) 5.10-5.40 Home and Away (3278739) 6.00-7.00 Westcountry Live (25246)

#### MERIDIAN

As HTV West except; 5.10-5.40 Home and Away (3278739) 6.00 Meridian Tonight (78) 6.30-7.00 The Village (30) 5.00am Freescreen (42666)

#### -ANGLIA

As HTV West except: 12.19pm Anglia Air Watch (8454352) 12,55-1.25 A Country Practice (5879159) 5.10-5.40 Shortland Street (3278739) 6.23 Anglia Weather (771642) 6,25-7.00 Anglia News (129401) 10.29 Anglia Air Watch (929913)

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12.00 Sesume Street (11555) 12.30pm Rickl Lake (48197) 1,00 Slot Meithrin (32707772)

1.30 The Adventures of Tintin (71654826) 1.55 Film: The Desperate Hours (1955, b/w).
A tense thriller starring Humphry Bogard

as a convict on the run with his brothe and another thug who terrorise Fredric March and his family. With Dewey Martin, Gig Young, Arthur Kennedy and Martha Scott. Directed by William Wyler (71341772)

4.00 Fifteen-to-One (1) 4,30 Stones of the Ruj (5) 5.00 5 Pump (4720449)

5.15 Ffell (2483246) 5.30 Countdown (97) 6.00 Newyddion 6 (234536)

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10,30 Babylon 5 (676517)

5 55am Sesame Street (73555)

7.00 The Big Breakfast (20642) 9.00 Schools: Making Sense of Science 91791) 9.30 Good Health (T) (8999449) 9.45 Book Box (T) (8987604) 10.00 Stage 2 Science (T) (2745517) 10.15 Rat-a-Tal-Tat (2768468) 10.30 The Jacobites (T) (7891888) 10.50 Stop, Look, Listen (T) (3010307) 11.00 First Edition (6638555) 11.15 The Mix (T) (6628178)

CHANNEL 4

11.30 Here's One I Made Earlier Watercress roulade and prawns; lamb, parsnips and devilled todneys; plum resemary ice (1)

12.00 Sesame Street (11555)

12.30pm The Baby and the Battleship (1966) Ferce with John Mills and Richard Attenborough A sailor hides a baby on board ship during naval exercises. Directed by Lewis Gilbert (T) (38365178) 2.10 Crawl (57106913)

Kenneth More, An adaptation of J M Barrie's play A hard Barrie's play. A butler assumes control when he, his aristocratic employer and tamily are shipwrecked. Directed by Lewis Gilbert (315913)

2.20 The Admirable Crichton (1957) starring

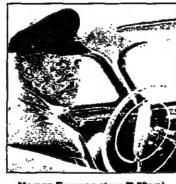
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5.30 It's a Cat's World A cat's eye-view of the domestic feline (r) (T) (1/2) (97) 6.00 The Cosby Show Theo seems rejuctant to visit a fellow member of his basketball

team who is in hospital (r) (T) (20) 6.30 Roseanne: Toto, We're Not in Kansas The family are trapped in the house when a iomado hits town (r) (T) (72)

7.00 Channel 4 News (T) (616772) 7.50 Music of the Millennium Hand Kurelshi with his musical choice (674710) 8.00 Brookside Will Elaine finally crack under

the strain? (T) (2710) 8.30 Out of Africa: The Mouth Breeders The female cichlid fish of Lake Malawi carry their progeny in their mouth until they are



9.00 Driving Miss Daisy (1989) Je Tandy in an Oscar-winning role and Morgan Freeman star in this story of the relationship that develops, 1948-73, between a wealthy Southern Jewish matron and her black chauffeur. Also 10.50 Babylon 5 Earth continues to attack

Babylon 5 (T) (685265) 11.50 Under the Moon Sports show (33461159)

(r) (62918) 5.00 Screening Reels Angling (r) (T) (40208) 5.30 Film and Video Showcase (1146208)

#### CHANNEL 5

CHANNEL 5 ON SATELLITE Channel 5 is now broadcasting on transponder No 63 on the Astra Satellite. Viewers with a Videocrypt decoder will be able to receive the channel free of charge, Frequencies for transponder No 63 are picture: 10.92075 GHz, sound: 7.02 and 7.20 MHz

6.00am 5 News Early (2212975)

7.30 Milikshake (7235772) 7.35 USA High (9269474) 8.00 Havakazoo (8616371) 8.30 WideWorld A new senes on the evolution and growth of the city (1/12) (8615642)

9,00 Espresso Consumer magazine (5888629) 10,00 Exclusive (6534246) 10.30 Treasure Islands: Robe of White ocientists from a British Antarctic survey base study the flora and launa (r) (T)

11,00 Leeze Chat show (1810361) 11.50 Double Espresso (44510994)

12.00 The Bold and the Beautiful (8686130) 12.30pm Family Affairs (r) (T) (6615771) 1.00 5 News Update (1643807) 2.00 5's Company, Live entertainment (4920913)



Robert Shaw, Sarah Miles (3.30pm)

Robert Shaw. An adaptation of LP Hardey's novel about a 1920s chauffeur who helps his anstocratic mistress by Alan Bridges (2216791)

5.30 Whittle Audience participation quiz show (T) (8699994)

6.00 100 Per Cent (8696807)

6.30 Family Affairs Elsa becomes an ecowarrior (T) (8687159)

7.00 Exclusive Entertainment news and gossip, includes a look at British comic talent (6444449) 7.30 Dragon's Tale: Tough Near the Top A documentary look at the people and animals that live in the shadow of Mount

Everest (T) (8609371) 8,00 Instant Gardens William Van Hage and

his team design a garden in London for a homesick New Zaalander (6453197) 8.30 5 News (6432604) 9.00 Blind Justice (1994) with Armande

Assante. A western about a sharp-shooting, blind former soldier who cleans up a town being terrorised by a vicious gang of outlaws. Directed by Richard Spence (67440536) 10.40 Plastic Fantastic (1355449)

11.10 Prisoner: Cell Block H (7609975) 12.10em Live and Dangerous Includes live baseball action from the US Major

4.35 The Streets of San Francisco Police drama (T) (8131840) 5,30 100 Per Cent (r) (5836260)

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6.00em Morning Glory (936623) 9.00 Regis and Kathe Lee (27888) 10.00 Another Works (32401) 11.00 Days of Cris Lives (52263) 12.00 Oprati Wintey (99468) 1.00pm Geraldo (55888) 2.00 Selly Jessy Raphael (10791) 3.00 Jerny Jones (81352) 4.00 Oprati Wintey (77159) 8.00 Sear Treft Next Generation (7907) 6.00 Reat TV (2062) 6.00 Morney Wintey (77159) 6.00 Sear TV (2062) The Simpsons (8536) 7.30 M\*A\*S\*H (2826) 8.00 Seventh Heaven (97401) 9.00 Pacific Palscades (17265) 10.00 LAP.D. (10352) 11.00 Star Trek: Next Generation (3

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Injury robs United of driving force

# Ferguson left to counter loss of Keane

AFTER all the meticulous planning, the frank admis-sions that this was the game that mattered most, the subjugation of all other goals, Alex Ferguson and his Man-chester United team were dealt a savage blow last night on the eve of their defining Euopean Cup Champions' League tie against Juventus at

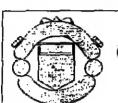
At first, it was hard to grasp just how cruel was the irony of the situation. With the team recognised as the best in Europe, some say the best in the world, waiting to meet them, it emerged that United had lost their best player to a knee injury, not just for tonight but possibly for the rest of their group matches.

Ferguson, understandably mindful of team morale, skirted round the issue yesterday. but it later became apparent that Roy Keane, the midfield player who has driven his team forward as captain this season and at times has seemed to be playing at a higher level than anyone else on the pitch, had had a knee operation in the early hours of

yesterday morning.
Keane damaged the knee in a clumsy challenge on Alf Inge Haaland during United's first defeat of the season, against Leeds United at Elland Road on Saturday. The extent of the injury is still not known, and although the operation is thought to have been essentially exploratory, rumours swept Manchester yesterday than Keane may have damaged his cruciate ligaments.

The most optimistic prognosis was that he would miss the next four weeks of the season, which would rule him out of the Champions' League game at home to Feyenoord and probably the return fixture. If the damage is not as serious as

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feared, he could be back for the last two matches, against Kosice and against Juventus

The consolation is that United are about as far from being a one-man team as it is pos-sible to be, and if there is one area in particular in which the English champions have an embarrassment of riches, it is in midfield. Juventus have problems there, too -- Antonio Conte is injured and Angelo Di Livio suspended - so Ferg-uson insisted on looking on

PC Kosice, Feyenoord v Juventus. Dec IC: PC Kosice v Fayenoord; Juventus v

the bright side. He pointed out that United had been forced to cope without Keane before, and when one remembers that Ferguson will be able to draft Paul Scholes in alongside Nicky Butt in the centre of midfield and play Ryan Giggs and David Beckham on the flanks, then they need not be

overwhelmed by the loss. Ferguson, understandably, chose to concentrate on the unexpected bonus of Giggs's

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availability after his recovery from a nagging hamstring injury. United are also likely to call on Ole Gunnar Solskjaer, who announced his return from an ankle injury

with a stunning equaliser against Chelsea last week. The match against the Ital-ian champions, who slumped to a surprising defeat against Borussia Dortmund in the European Cup final last season, is of momentous importance to Ferguson. Juventus are still the benchmark for any team, like United, who aspire to rule Europé.

United lost at home and away to them at the group stage last year without scoring a goal. They were outclassed in the Stadio delle Alpi and put up a brave fight at Old Trafford, but another defeat tonight, even accepting the absence of someone of Keane's calibre, would be seen as indicative of a depressing lack of progress, a catalyst for more discussions about the financial shackles imposed on Ferguson by the club's City

On the other hand, a win against a team with a sharp, new strike force of Alessandro Del Piero and the prolific Filippo Inzaghi, and a midfield boasting the highly-rated Frenchman, Zinedine Zidane. would propel United into their domestic and European campaigns with unrivalled

Juventus, unbeaten in Serie A so far this season, remain a formidable proposition. "I think we will be better against them tactically this time," Ferguson said. "The experi-ence of last year is bound to have been good for us. We were really nervous in the first 20 minutes of our game igainst them here last year. We were slicing balls into touch and all sorts, but in the second half we came back and Juventus were hanging on.

There will be certain key factors. We have to score, and have not had any continuity. They have been injured and they have not been able to develop understandings. If that changes, it will be a

Someone asked him - unwisely, perhaps, in the circumstances - whether he would be playing down the fact in his team talk that a win against Juventus would buoy England's morale before their ame with Italy next week. Yeah," Ferguson said. MANCHESTER UNITED (probable, 4-4-2) PSchmelchel — G Noville, H Berg, G Palis-ler, D Inwin — D Beckham, N Butt, P Scholuse, R Gigga — E Shereghem, O G Scholuser

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Paul Gascoigne, the England and Rangers footballer, has become

involved in more controversy

by giving an interview to Match of the Day magazine.

in which he compares his

suffering at the hands of the

cress with that of Diana,

In the interview, which is

published tomorrow, he said:

Princess of Wales.

# Crowd violence disrupts India's win

INDIA'S victory over Pakistan in the second 50-over, one-day international in Karachi was marred by crowd violence in which four India players were hit by stones thrown from the stands. Sachin Tendulkar, the India captain, led his team from the field in the 48th over of the Pakistan innings and refused to bring them back out.

Tendulkar told Ranjan Madugalle, the match referee, that he was, "concerned about the security of my players. I can't continue playing under these circumstances. Mohanty, Abey Kuruvilla, Nilesh Kulkarni and Saurav Ganguly were the India fielders hit by stones, which were thrown mainly from the general and students' enclosures among the crowd of 32,000. There were four stoppages in all and Tendul-kar finally led his team off the field after Mohanty had been struck. Police ejected three

Zulfiqar Ali Shah Bokhari, the chairman of the Pakistan Cricket Board, said: "The crowd behaviour was marvel-

first one-day match]. It's sad that this happened and that, too, at a time when Pakistan

were getting in a stronger position." India's last tour of Pakistan, in the 1989-90 sea-son, was marred by similar violence in Karachi during the second one-day international.

to 24 fans and six policemen, with several vehicles also

After the disgraceful scenes yesterday. Haroon Rasheed, the Pakistan coach, said: "The main problem was that fickets had been oversold and spectators got restless and threw something big at Ganguly. The events overshadowed a

it was decided that the match should proceed and India were set a target of 266 in 47

series by winning with three balls to spare. After Pakistan's innings was brought to a premature conclusion, after they had reached 265 for four. 71 in 66 balls with ljaz Ahmed, who made 31. Inzamam-ul-

Pakistan were given a good

56 balls by Shahid Afridi, the opening batsman, who hit nine fours and a six. Afridi and Saced Anwar, the Pakistan captain, who had won the toss and chosen to but on a good pitch, put on 55 in 46 balls. Afridi also dominated a second-wicket partnership of

Chauhan, the off spinner, then weighed in with an unbeaten from 102 balls. India, in reply, raced to 169 for one after only 23 overs. with Ganguly contributing a superb 89, and Vinod Kamblimaking 53.Aqib Javed, the Pakistan fast bowler, suffered the most conceding 27 runs in

Haq, who was dropped twice

off the bowling of Rajesh

two overs and a total of 73 in his allotted ten overs. India, however, then slumped to 195 for five and needed a late onslaught by Robin Singh, who made 31 not out, and Saba Karim, the wicketkeeper, who scored 26, to regain control and eventually win by four wickets. The final match of the series is in



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By JOHN GOODBODY

SCOTLAND'S premier division football clubs insisted yesterday that they had received inquiries from two potential sponsors, despite the announcement that United Distillers would not be renewing its support for the Bell's Scottish League, worth an estimated £2 million a year.

The withdrawal, from the end of this season, has been prompted by the uncertainty within Scottish football, with the top ten clubs planning to break away to form an elite organisation similar to the FA Carling Premiership in Eng-land. United Distillers, parent company of Bell's, is also irked that it was not consulted about. tish premiership but also this proposed league. Lex Gold, the Hibernian those divisions which will continue to be run by the chairman, said: "We are obviously disappointed that Bell's

Scottish League."
Nevertheless, the decision to end the present agreement is Scotland. Andy Neal, consumer marketing director for Uni-ted Distillers, said: The company had been close to agreeing a way ahead for the sponsorship with Peter Donald, secretary of the Scottish League. However, the announcement and subsequent news conferences about the the proposed breakaway have left it unclear exactly what we

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"I was not obviously hounded as much as her, but I have been chased and I have done exactly the same things. It is a

wicked feeling "And they ithe press have turned round and said 'yeah, 6 Grace 7 Pewter 12 Feedback 13 Script 15 Shingle 16 Stucco 18 Gloom 20 Sneak 21 Lamb we will leave William and Harry alone'. They will do that until it dies down and then they'll start hounding

them again." His own advice on how to deal with the problem is equally forthright. What I would like to do, my ambition, is to get about ten to 20 pals, buy them a camera each and go and hound the editor.

Gascoigne rounds on his critics Matt Dickinson on an interview that landed the England player in fresh controversy

> his kids and family: 24 hours a day, morning and night, for at least a month. "Shove the cameras in the

kids' faces, shove the cameras in his wife's face, follow them to restaurants, sit outside his house, knock on his door, smash on his window, shout

abusive things all day. I would love to do that, that would be my dream come true - then a hat-trick in the World Cup final." Gascoigne has been a famil-

iar figure on the front as well as back pages through a succession of controversies, including allegations of wifebeating and drinking binges. He has also received his share of bouquets to go with the brickbats and his outstanding performance in England's recent victory against Moldova seems certain to make him an integral part of Glenn Hoddle's team in the decisive

World Cup qualifying match against Italy next week. Hoddle, the England coach, only recently talked paternalistically of him but Gascoigne's rage towards one dimmed. He told Match of

"Now with what has hap-pened to Lady Diana, it is water off a duck's back." He concluded: "I hate them, I absolutely hate them. I really detest them. The only regret I have is trying to put a smile on the game because I have ended up getting hounded."

the Day magazine: "I do not

have any respect for any journalist, none whatsoever.

I've always been like that.

They build you up to knock

Despite the countless dra-mas in his own life, Gascoigne, 30, has no doubt that he remains a popular figure, at least among his professional colleagues. "I am friends with everyone," he added, "I do not fall out with nobody. I would like to think I do not bave one enemy in soccer in any country of the world. I have enough problems off the field with the press to have any problems on the field with the players."

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